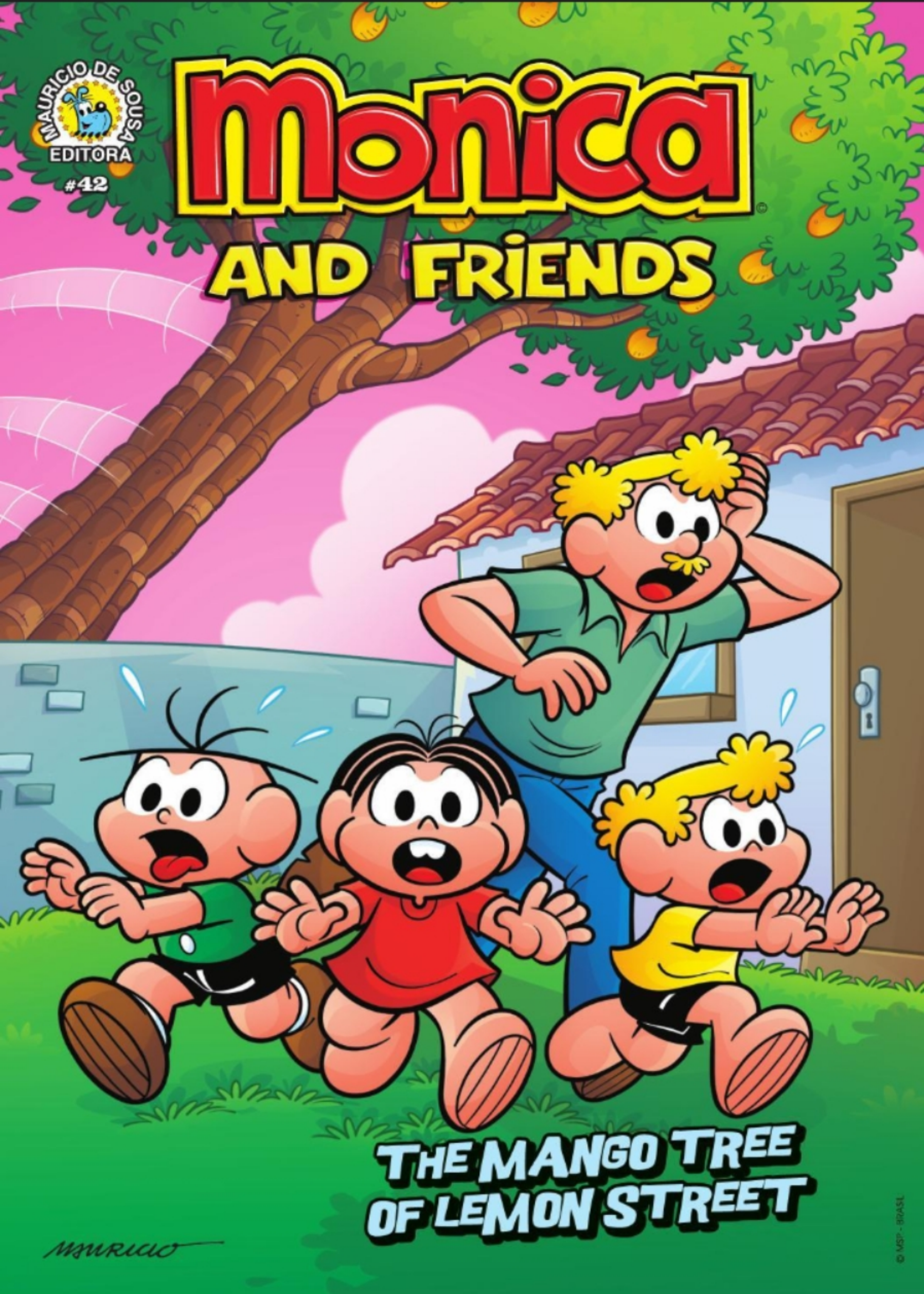
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EDITORA
#42
Monica
AND FRIENDS
THE MANGO TREE
OF LEMON STREET
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DAD! WHAT'S THAT TREE?
THIS IS THE OLD MANGO TREE!
IT'S ONE OF THE OLDEST TREES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
AND IT SITS RIGHT NEXT TO OUR HOUSE!
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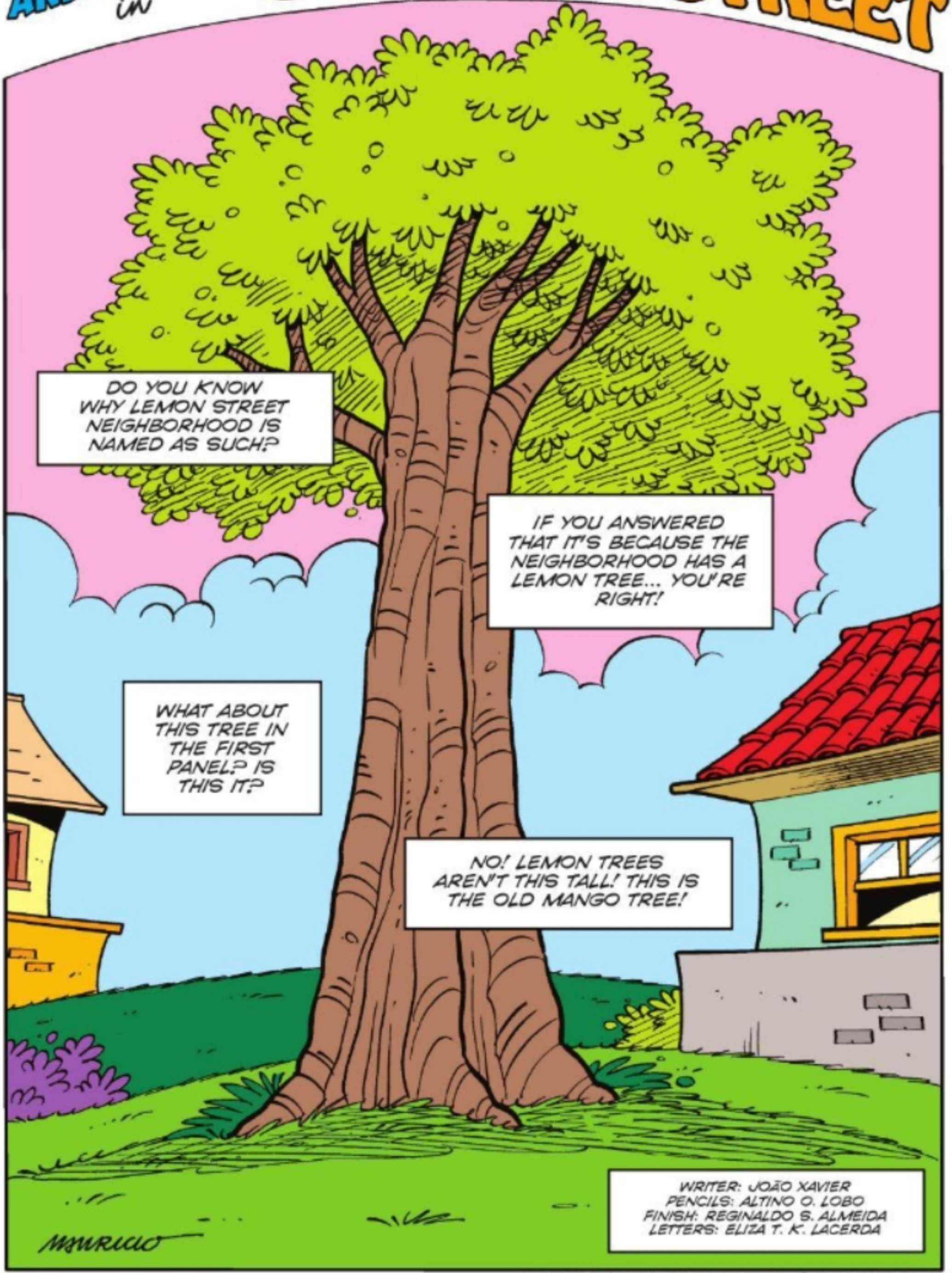
SWOOSH
DAD, AREN'T YOU SCARED IT'LL FALL OVER?
NONSENSE! THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN!

Monica and Friends in THE MANGO TREE OF LEMON STREET



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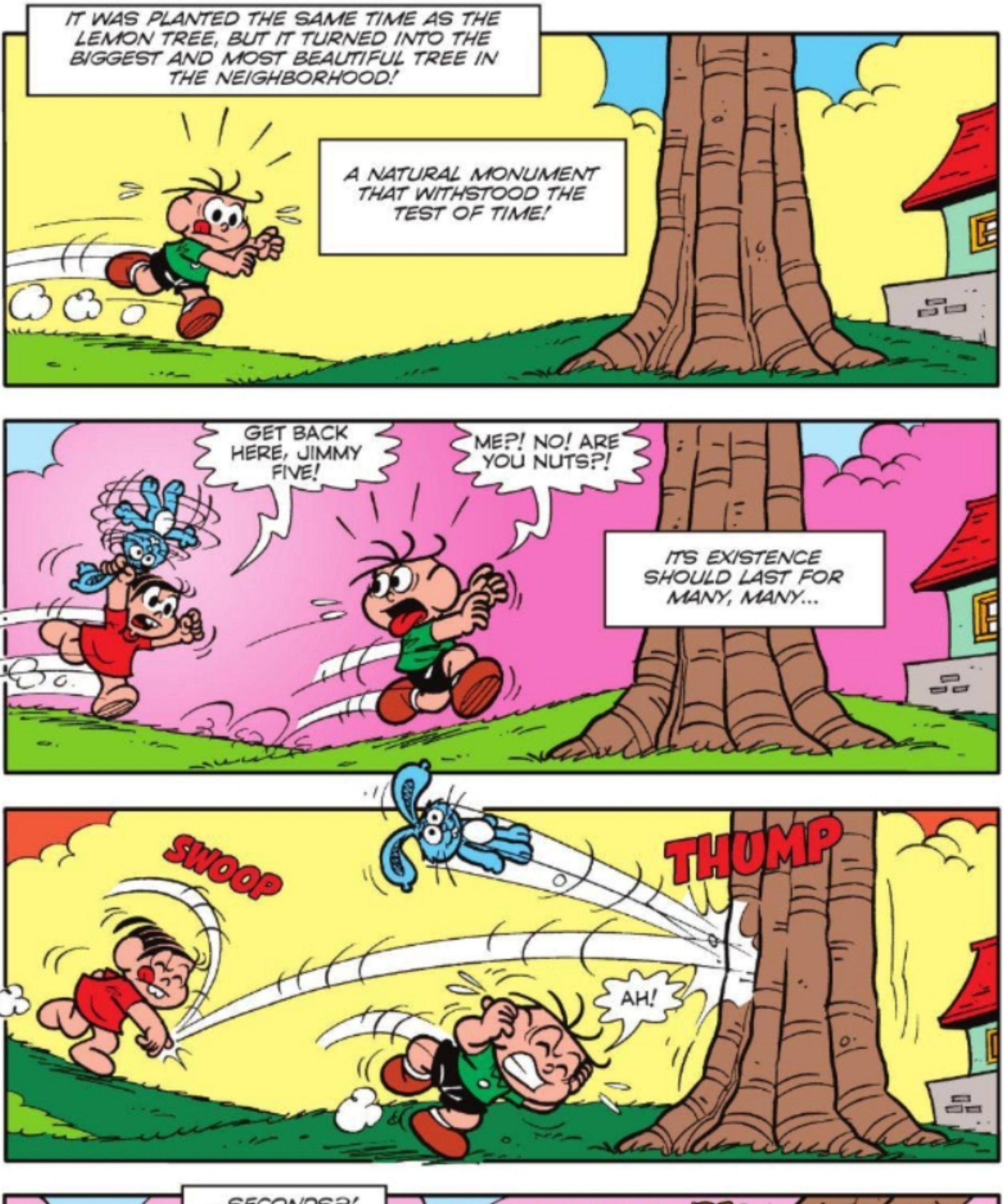
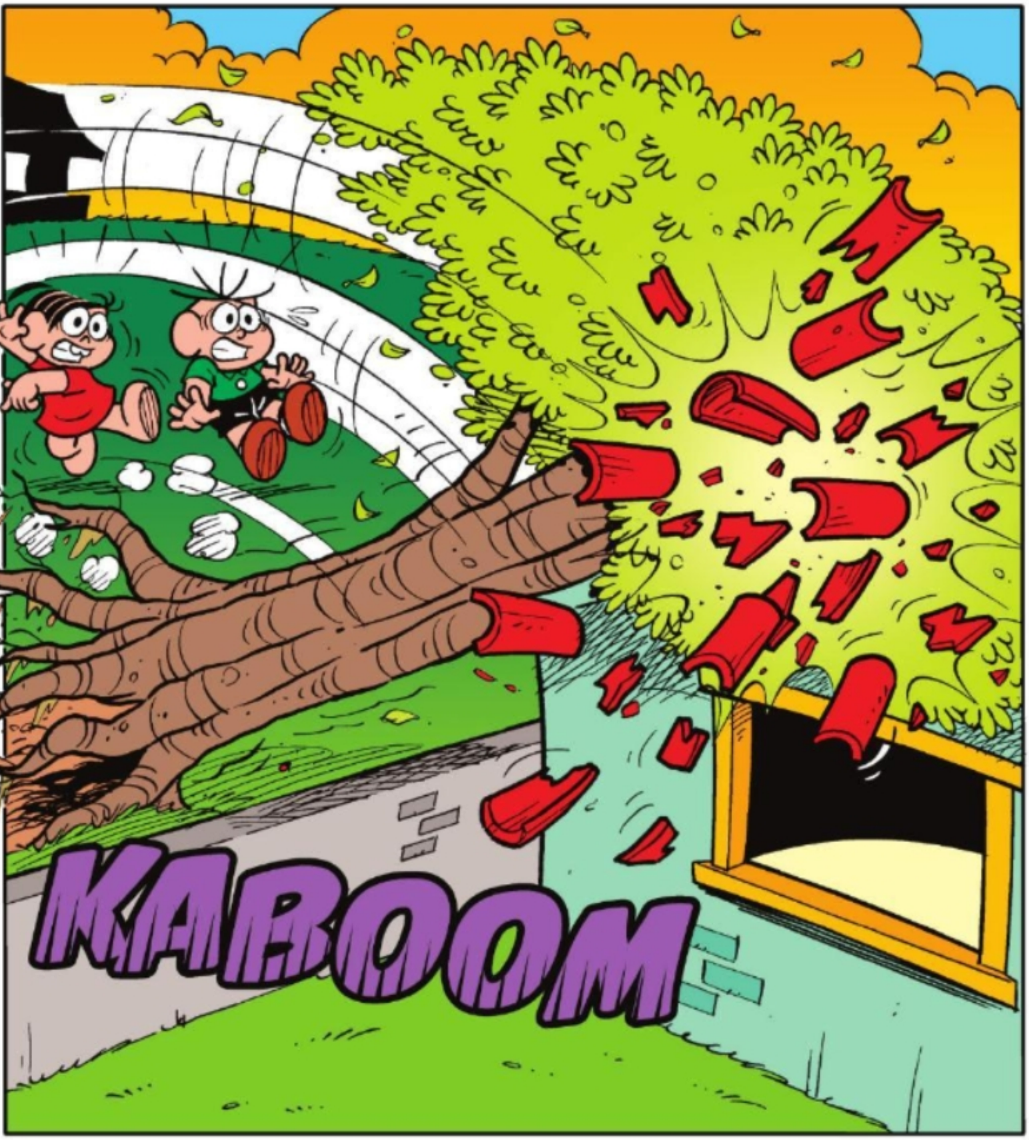
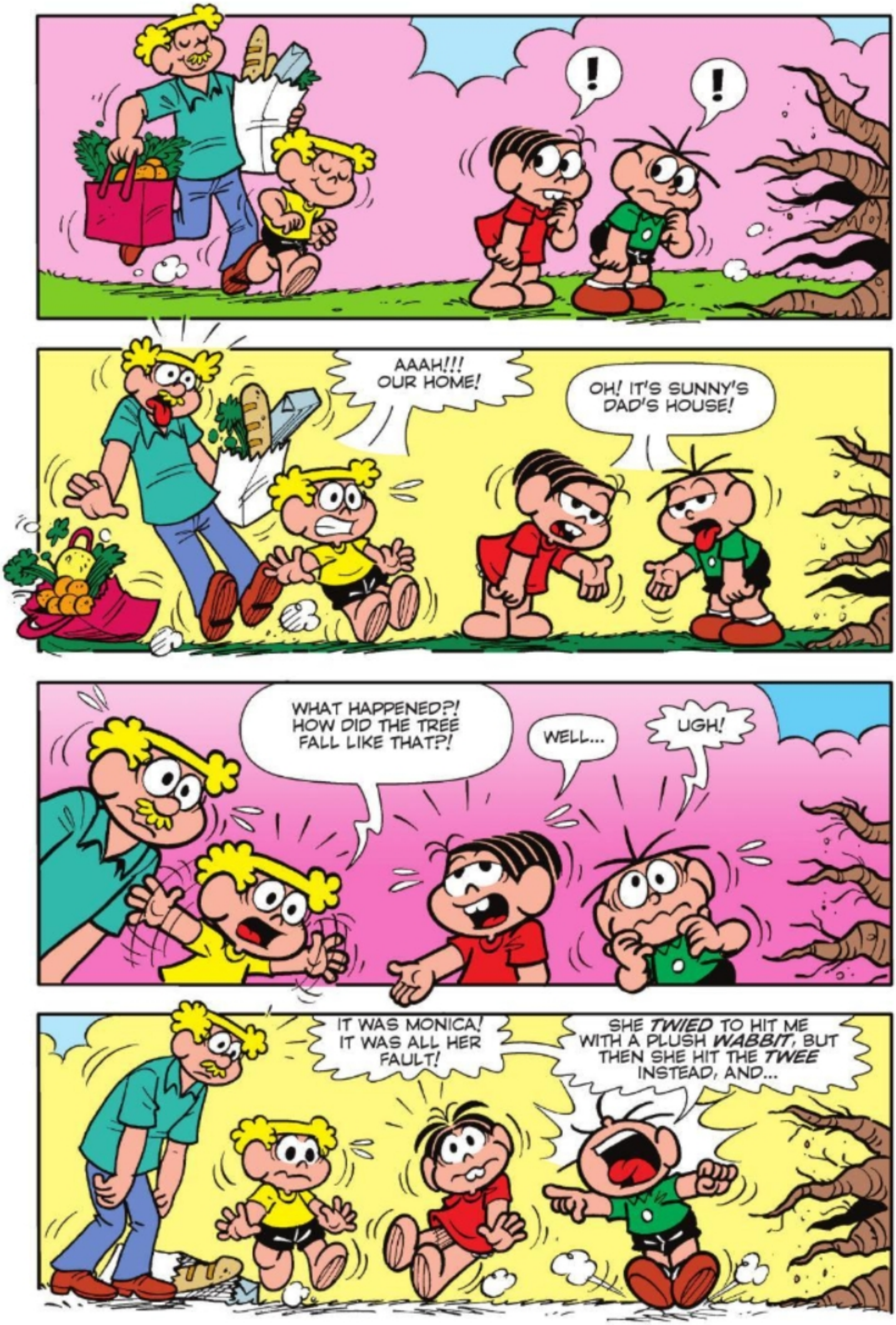

IT WAS PLANTED THE SAME TIME AS THE LEMON TREE, BUT IT TURNED INTO THE BIGGEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL TREE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
A NATURAL MONUMENT THAT WITHSTOOD THE TEST OF TIME!
GET BACK HERE, JIMMY FIVE!
ME?! NO! ARE YOU NUTS?!
IT'S EXISTENCE SHOULD LAST FOR MANY, MANY...
SWOOP
THUMP
AH!
...SECONDS?!
KRAAACK


KABOOM

OH, MY GOODNESS! THE OLD MANGO TREE JUST KICKED THE BUCKET!
I THINK WE'RE IN MAJOR *TWOUBLE!* WHOSE HOUSE WAS THAT, ANYWAY?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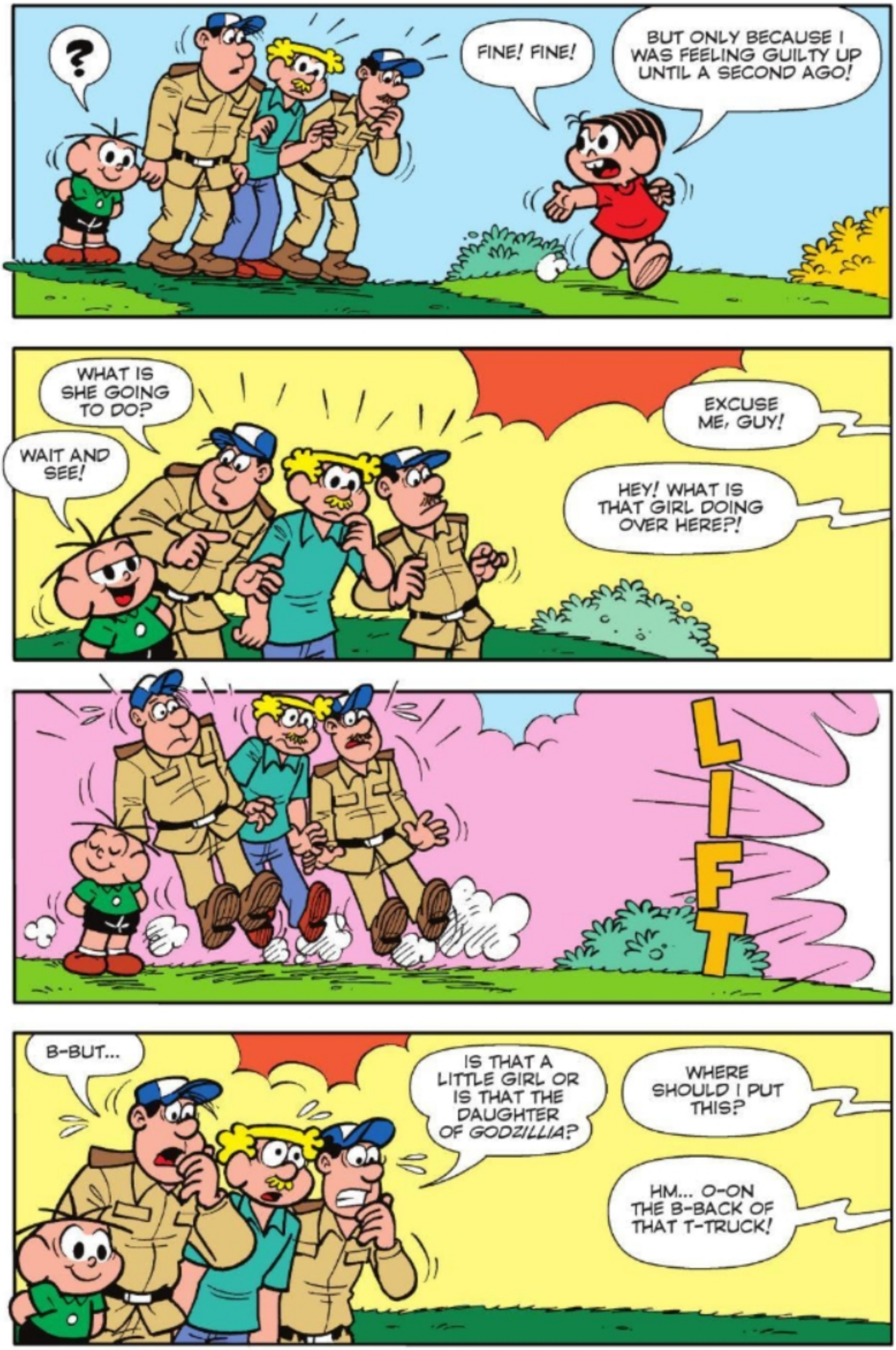
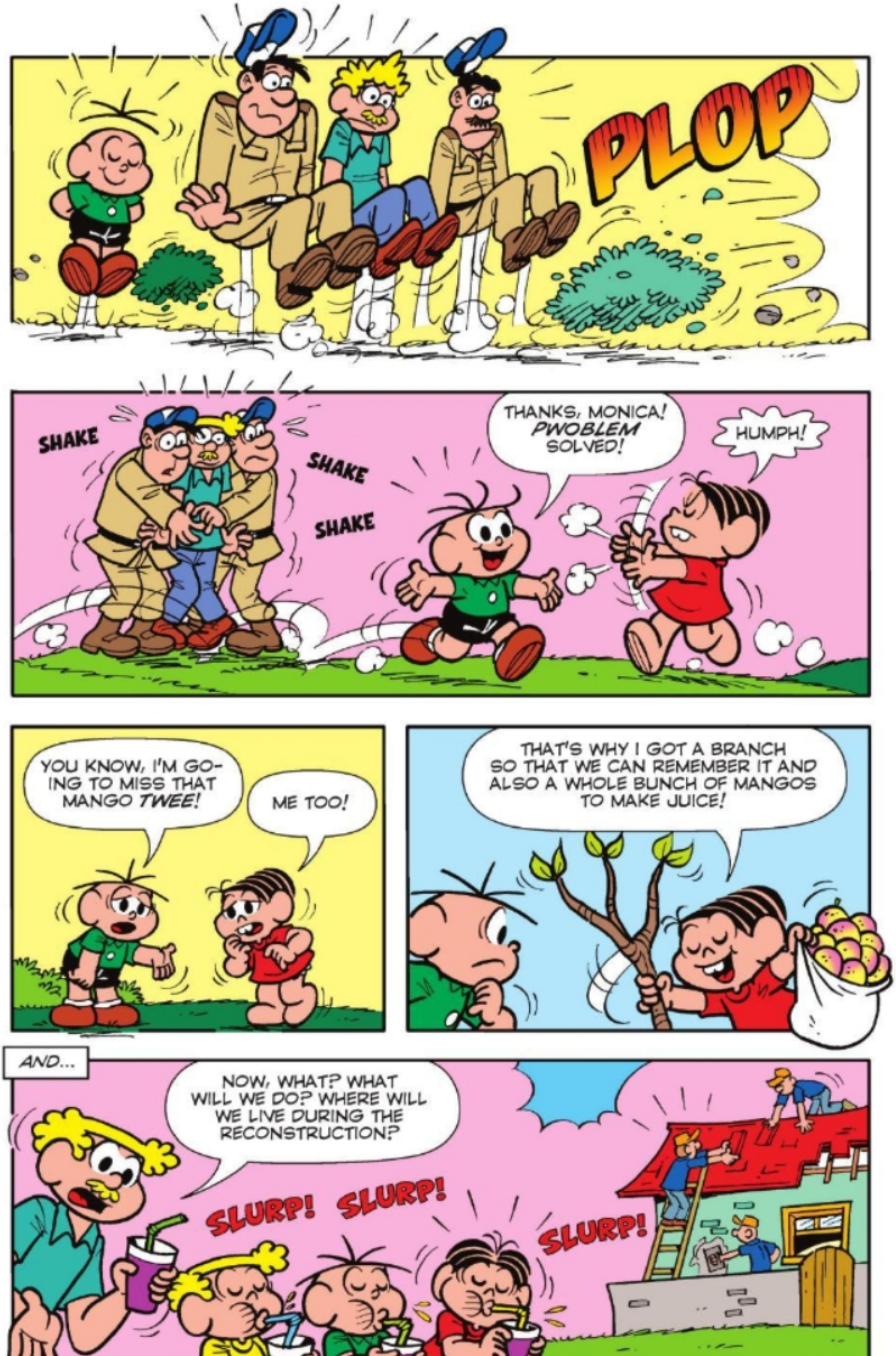
!
AAAH!!! OUR HOME!
OH! IT'S SUNNY'S DAD'S HOUSE!
WHAT HAPPENED?! HOW DID THE TREE FALL LIKE THAT?!
WELL...
UGH!
IT WAS MONICA! IT WAS ALL HER FAULT!
SHE *TWIED* TO HIT ME WITH A PLUSH *WABBIT*, BUT THEN SHE HIT THE *TWEE* INSTEAD, AND...

YOU SNITCH!
GULP!
CAN YOU FORGIVE ME, SIR? IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, I SWEAR!
IT'S OKAY, MONICA!
THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT NO ONE GOT HURT!
!
!
HE'S RIGHT! IT'S SUCH A RELIEF THAT NO ONE WAS HOME!
THAT'S FOR SURE! CAN YOU IMAGINE IF THAT THING FELL ON SOME-ONE'S *NOGGIN'*?
AAHHH!!! MOMMY!!!
AHHH! SOLAR!

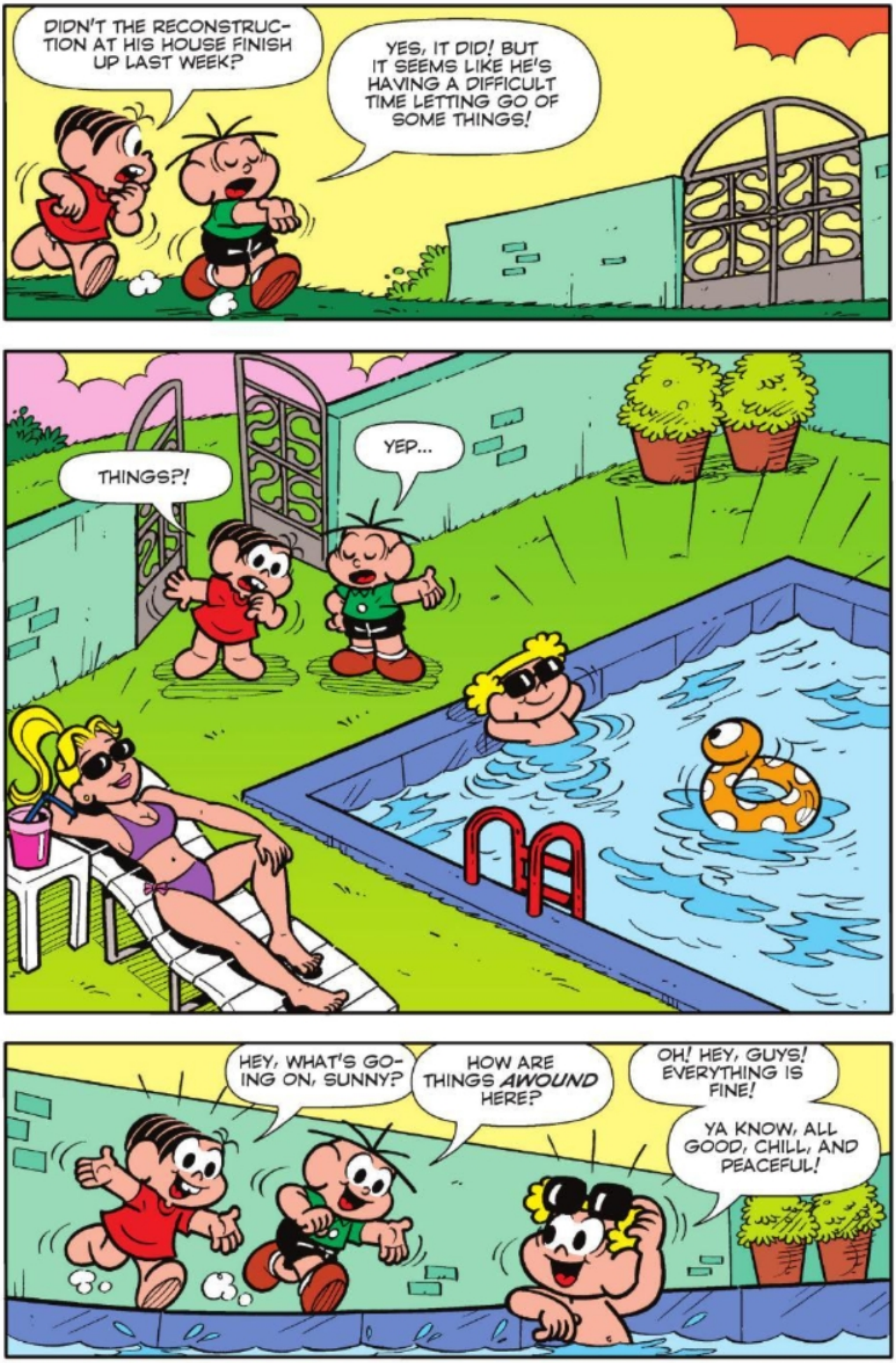
AND, SO...
MOMMY! YOU'RE OKAY!
OF COURSE I AM! WHY WOULDN'T I BE?!
WELL...
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE TREE FALL INTO THE HOUSE?
REALLY?!
OH! YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU NOW LIVE IN A TREEHOUSE?! HA! HA!
SIR! SIR! DID YOU SEE MY DOG IN THERE?
DOG?! NO! BUT I FOUND THIS LARGE RODENT UNDER THE KITCHEN SINK!
SOLAR!!!
SIR, ARE YOU THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE?
YES! YES, I AM!
YAP!
IT WEALLY DOES LOOK LIKE A WODENT!

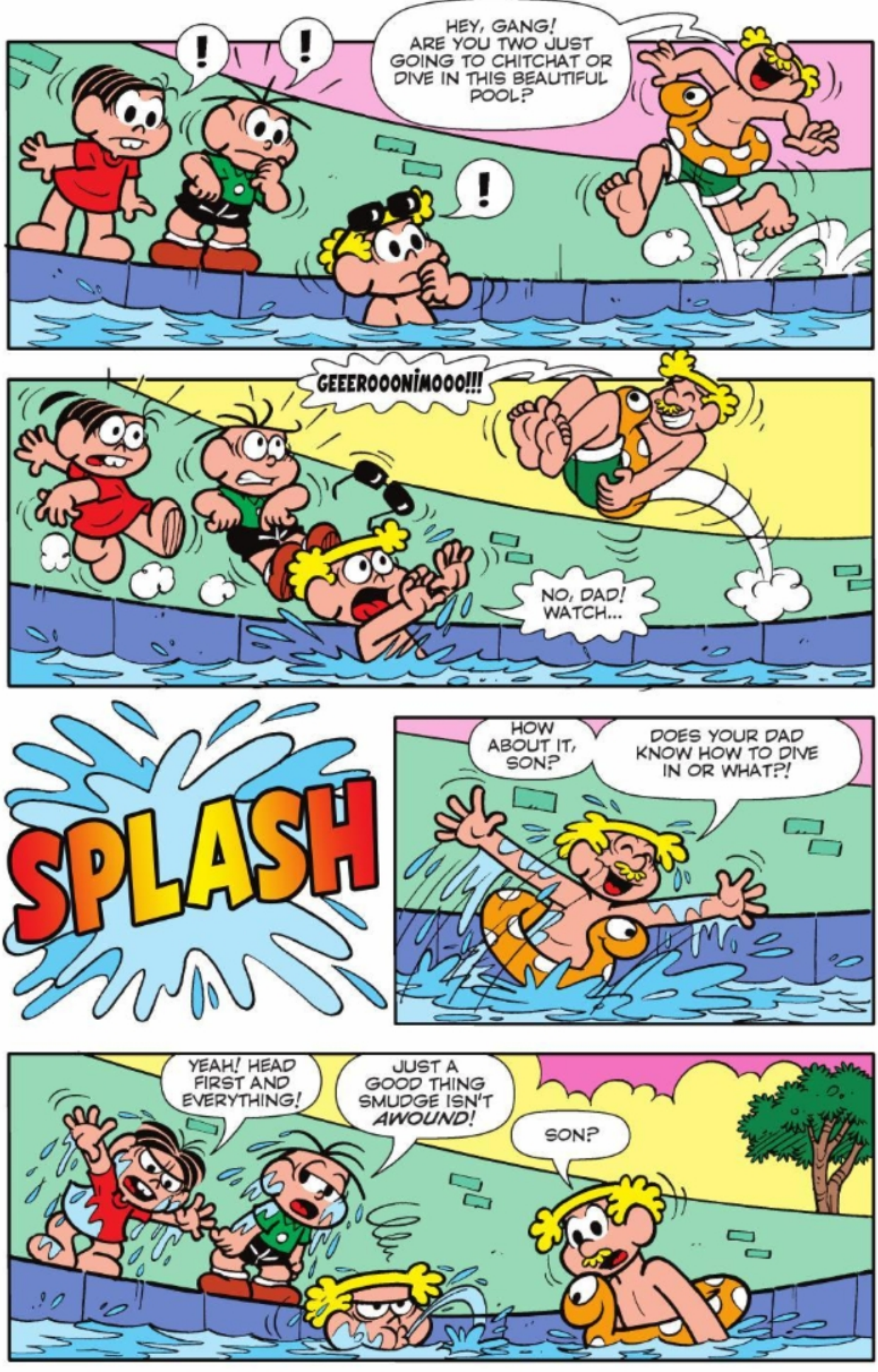
UNFORTUNATELY, THE HOUSE WAS TOO DAMAGED FOR ANYONE TO GO IN! YOU'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO GO BACK AFTER RECONSTRUCTION!
BRRRRRRZ
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! ALL THIS BECAUSE OF MY PLUSH RABBIT?
OH, NO! TO BE HONEST, IT WAS INFESTED WITH TERMITES!
SOONER OR LATER IT WAS GOING TO COLLAPSE!
PHEW! THAT TAKES A LOAD OFF MY MIND!
BOSS, THE MANGO TREE IS TOO LARGE!
OUR MOBILE CRANE CAN'T HANDLE IT!
NO *PWOBLEM!* MONICA WOULD LOVE TO GET THE WEIGHT OFF THAT HOUSE, WOULDN'T YOU?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

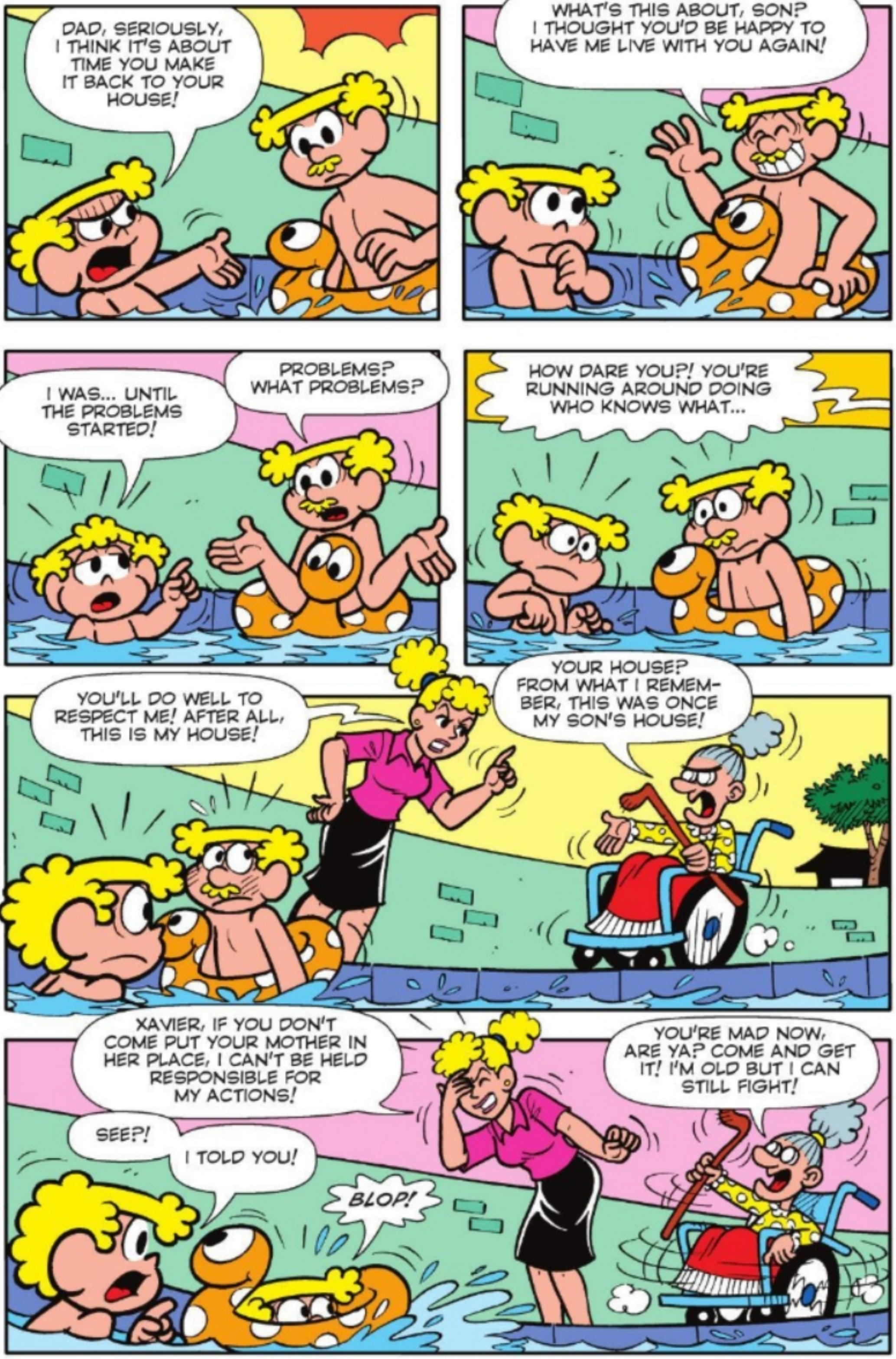

?
FINE! FINE!
BUT ONLY BECAUSE I WAS FEELING GUILTY UP UNTIL A SECOND AGO!
WHAT IS SHE GOING TO DO?
WAIT AND SEE!
EXCUSE ME, GUY!
HEY! WHAT IS THAT GIRL DOING OVER HERE?!
LIFT
B-BUT...
IS THAT A LITTLE GIRL OR IS THAT THE DAUGHTER OF GODZILLIA?
WHERE SHOULD I PUT THIS?
HM... O-ON THE B-BACK OF THAT T-TRUCK!

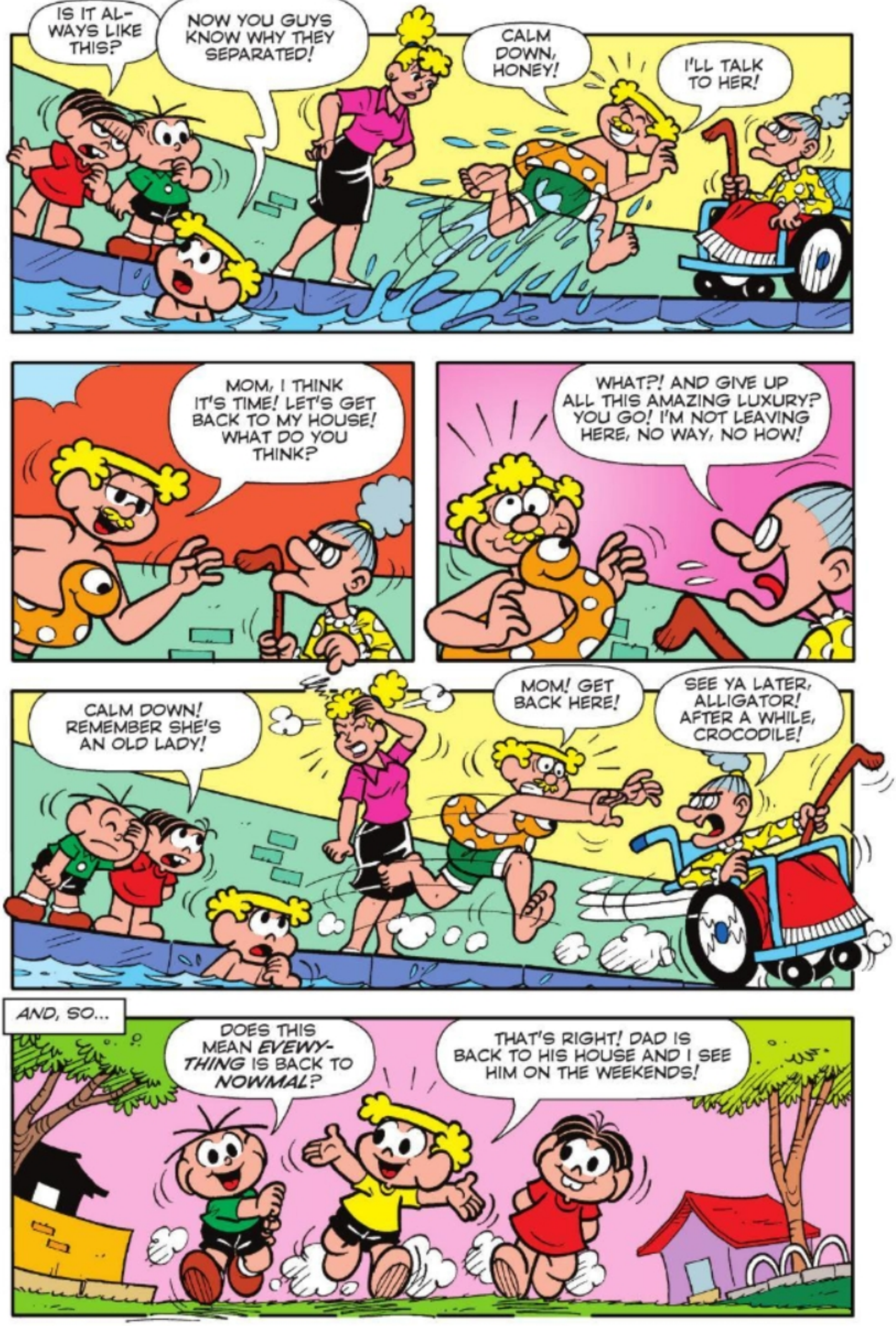

PLOP
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
THANKS, MONICA! *PWOBLEM* SOLVED!
HUMPH!
YOU KNOW, I'M GO-ING TO MISS THAT MANGO *TWEE!*
ME TOO!
THAT'S WHY I GOT A BRANCH SO THAT WE CAN REMEMBER IT AND ALSO A WHOLE BUNCH OF MANGOS TO MAKE JUICE!
AND...
NOW, WHAT? WHAT WILL WE DO? WHERE WILL WE LIVE DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION?
SLURP! SLURP!
SLURP!

DON'T FRET!
I LIVE WITH MOM, REMEMBER?
WHAT ABOUT ME? WHERE WILL I STAY?
EH!
WELL, YOU CAN STAY THERE WITH ME!
REALLY?
YOU THINK YOUR MOM WILL LET ME?
OF COURSE, IT'LL BE GREAT!
I PROMISE IT'LL JUST BE FOR A FEW DAYS! YOUR GRANDMOTHER AND I WON'T BE ANY TROUBLE AT ALL!
GRANDMA?!
ON SECOND THOUGHT... I DON'T THINK MOM WILL LIKE THIS ONE BIT!
A MONTH LATER...
SUNNY'S DAD IS *STILL* THERE?!
DON'T JOKE!
THAT'S WHAT SUNNY SAID!

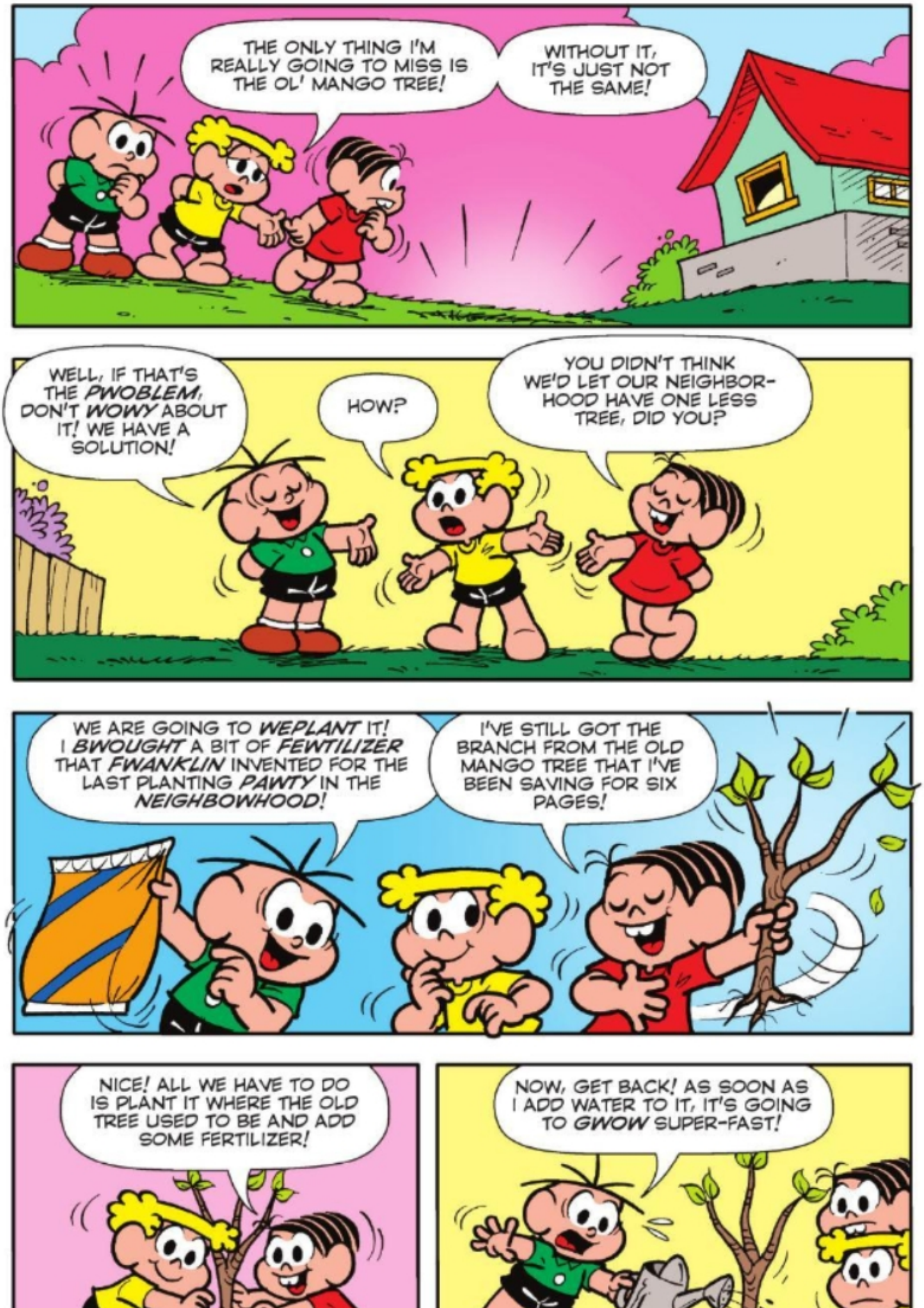

DIDN'T THE RECONSTRUCTION AT HIS HOUSE FINISH UP LAST WEEK?
YES, IT DID! BUT IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME LETTING GO OF SOME THINGS!
THINGS?!
YEP...
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON, SUNNY?
HOW ARE THINGS *AWOUND* HERE?
OH! HEY, GUYS! EVERYTHING IS FINE!
YA KNOW, ALL GOOD, CHILL, AND PEACEFUL!


HEY, GANG! ARE YOU TWO JUST GOING TO CHITCHAT OR DIVE IN THIS BEAUTIFUL POOL?
!
!
!
GEEEROOONIMOOO!!!
NO, DAD! WATCH...
SPLASH
HOW ABOUT IT, SON?
DOES YOUR DAD KNOW HOW TO DIVE IN OR WHAT?!
YEAH! HEAD FIRST AND EVERYTHING!
JUST A GOOD THING SMUDGE ISN'T *AWOUND*!
SON?

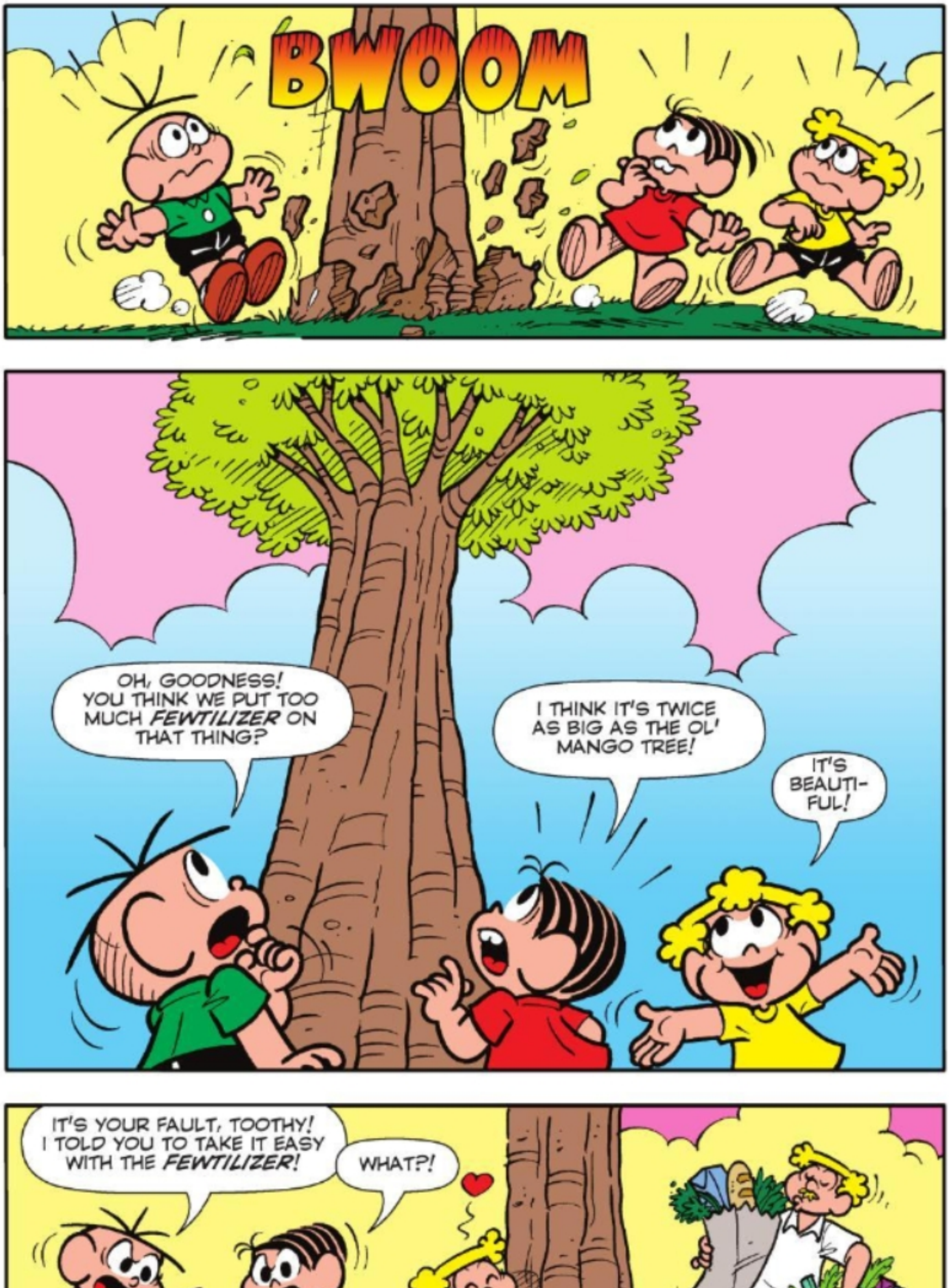

DAD, SERIOUSLY, I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU MAKE IT BACK TO YOUR HOUSE!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT, SON? I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE ME LIVE WITH YOU AGAIN!
I WAS... UNTIL THE PROBLEMS STARTED!
PROBLEMS? WHAT PROBLEMS?
HOW DARE YOU?! YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND DOING WHO KNOWS WHAT...
YOU'LL DO WELL TO RESPECT ME! AFTER ALL, THIS IS MY HOUSE!
YOUR HOUSE? FROM WHAT I REMEMBER, THIS WAS ONCE MY SON'S HOUSE!
XAVIER, IF YOU DON'T COME PUT YOUR MOTHER IN HER PLACE, I CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS!
YOU'RE MAD NOW, ARE YA? COME AND GET IT! I'M OLD BUT I CAN STILL FIGHT!
SEE?!
I TOLD YOU!
BLOP!

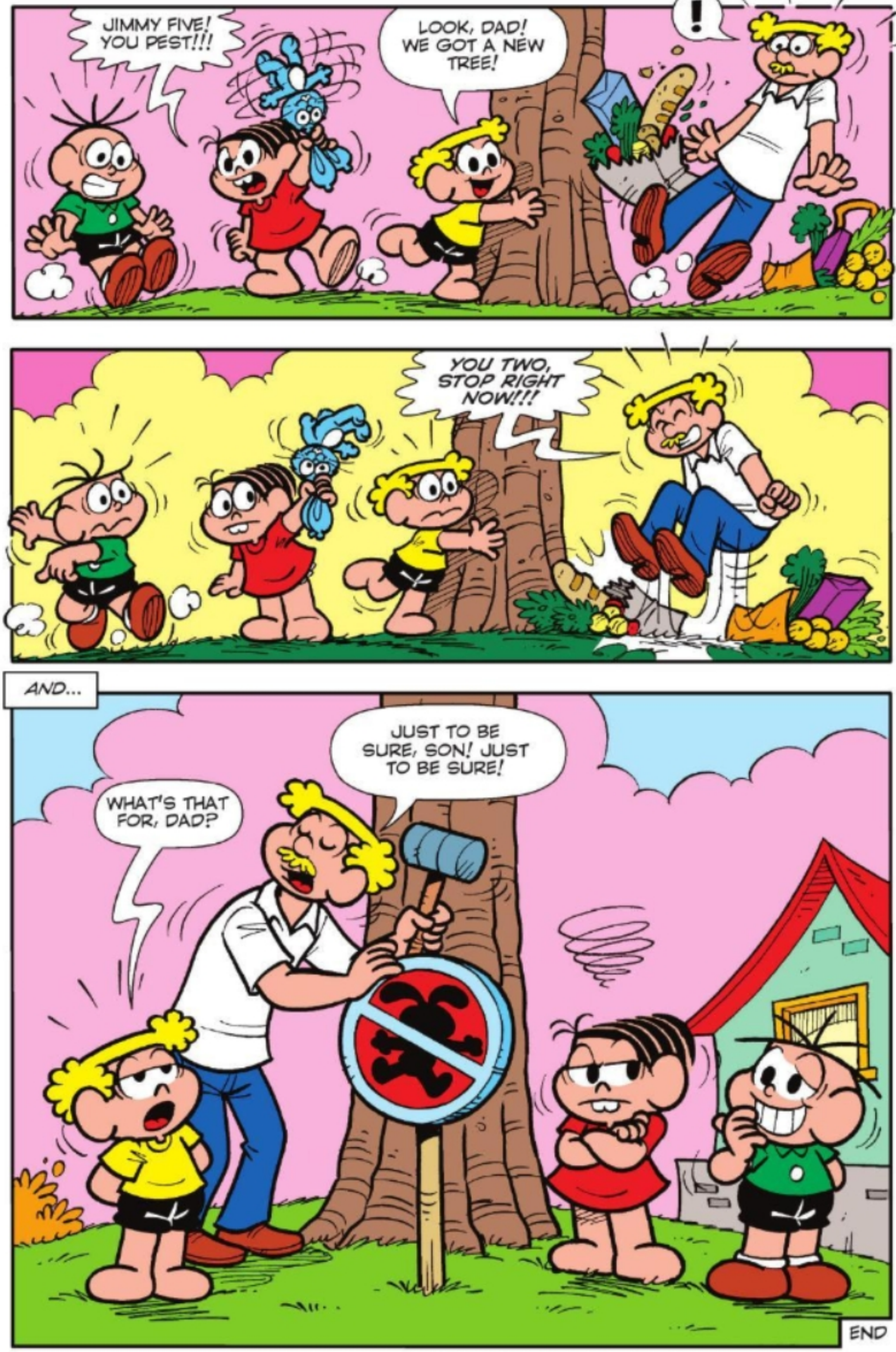


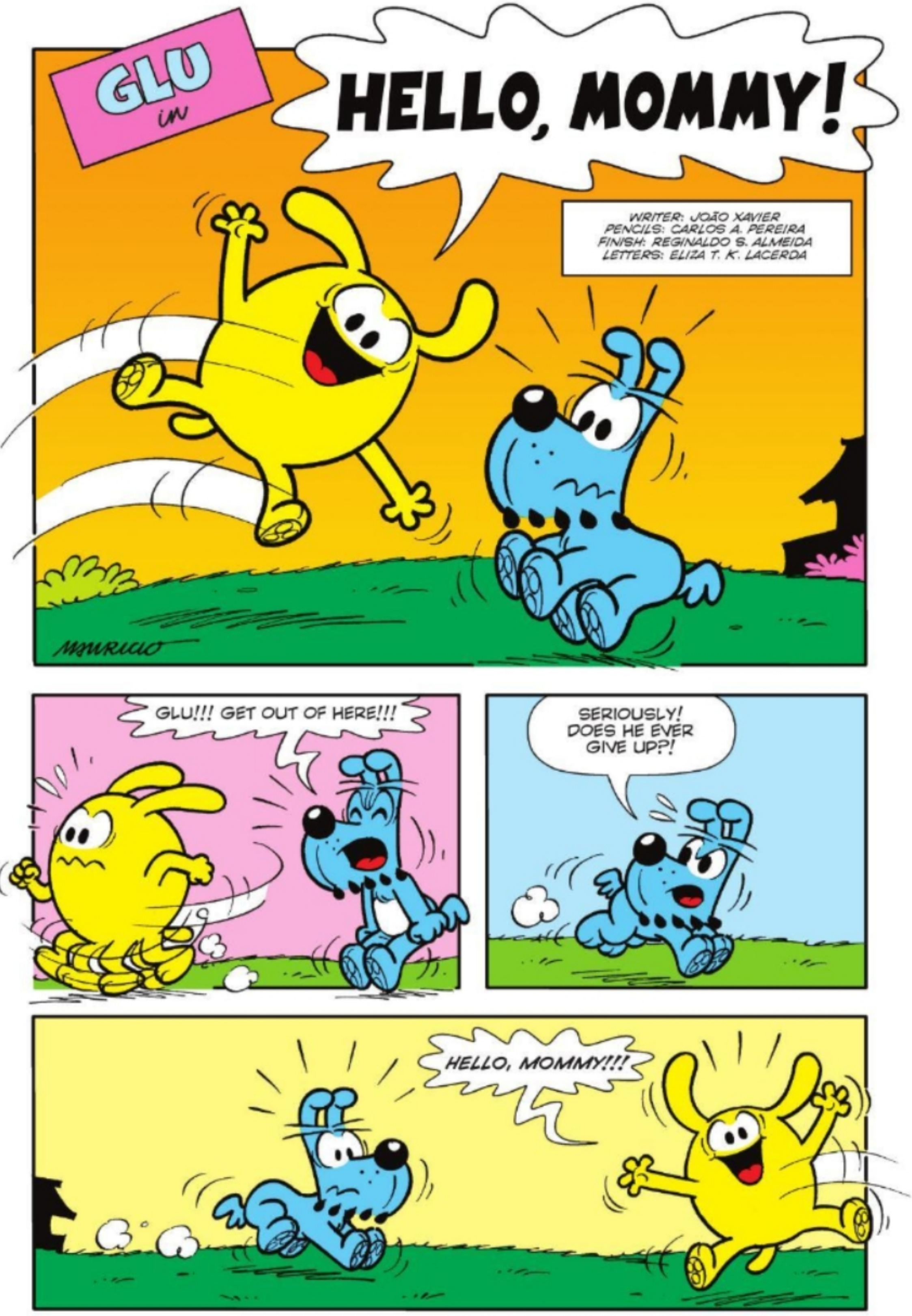
IS IT AL-WAYS LIKE THIS?
NOW YOU GUYS KNOW WHY THEY SEPARATED!
CALM DOWN, HONEY!
I'LL TALK TO HER!
MOM, I THINK IT'S TIME! LET'S GET BACK TO MY HOUSE! WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WHAT?! AND GIVE UP ALL THIS AMAZING LUXURY? YOU GO! I'M NOT LEAVING HERE, NO WAY, NO HOW!
CALM DOWN! REMEMBER SHE'S AN OLD LADY!
MOM! GET BACK HERE!
SEE YA LATER, ALLIGATOR! AFTER A WHILE, CROCODILE!
AND, SO...
DOES THIS MEAN *EVEWY-THING* IS BACK TO *NOWMAL*?
THAT'S RIGHT! DAD IS BACK TO HIS HOUSE AND I SEE HIM ON THE WEEKENDS!



THE ONLY THING I'M REALLY GOING TO MISS IS THE OL' MANGO TREE!
WITHOUT IT, IT'S JUST NOT THE SAME!
WELL, IF THAT'S THE *PWOBLEM*, DON'T *WOWY* ABOUT IT! WE HAVE A SOLUTION!
HOW?
YOU DIDN'T THINK WE'D LET OUR NEIGHBOR-HOOD HAVE ONE LESS TREE, DID YOU?
WE ARE GOING TO *WEPLANT* IT! I *BWOUGHT* A BIT OF *FEWTILIZER* THAT *FWANKLIN* INVENTED FOR THE LAST PLANTING *PAWTY* IN THE *NEIGHBOWHOOD*!
I'VE STILL GOT THE BRANCH FROM THE OLD MANGO TREE THAT I'VE BEEN SAVING FOR SIX PAGES!
NICE! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PLANT IT WHERE THE OLD TREE USED TO BE AND ADD SOME FERTILIZER!
NOW, GET BACK! AS SOON AS I ADD WATER TO IT, IT'S GOING TO *GWOW* SUPER-FAST!


BWOOM
OH, GOODNESS! YOU THINK WE PUT TOO MUCH *FEWTILIZER* ON THAT THING?
I THINK IT'S TWICE AS BIG AS THE OL' MANGO TREE!
IT'S BEAUTI-FUL!
IT'S YOUR FAULT, TOOTHY! I TOLD YOU TO TAKE IT EASY WITH THE *FEWTILIZER*!
WHAT?!


JIMMY FIVE! YOU PEST!!!
LOOK, DAD! WE GOT A NEW TREE!
!
YOU TWO, STOP RIGHT NOW!!!
AND...
WHAT'S THAT FOR, DAD?
JUST TO BE SURE, SON! JUST TO BE SURE!
END


GLU in
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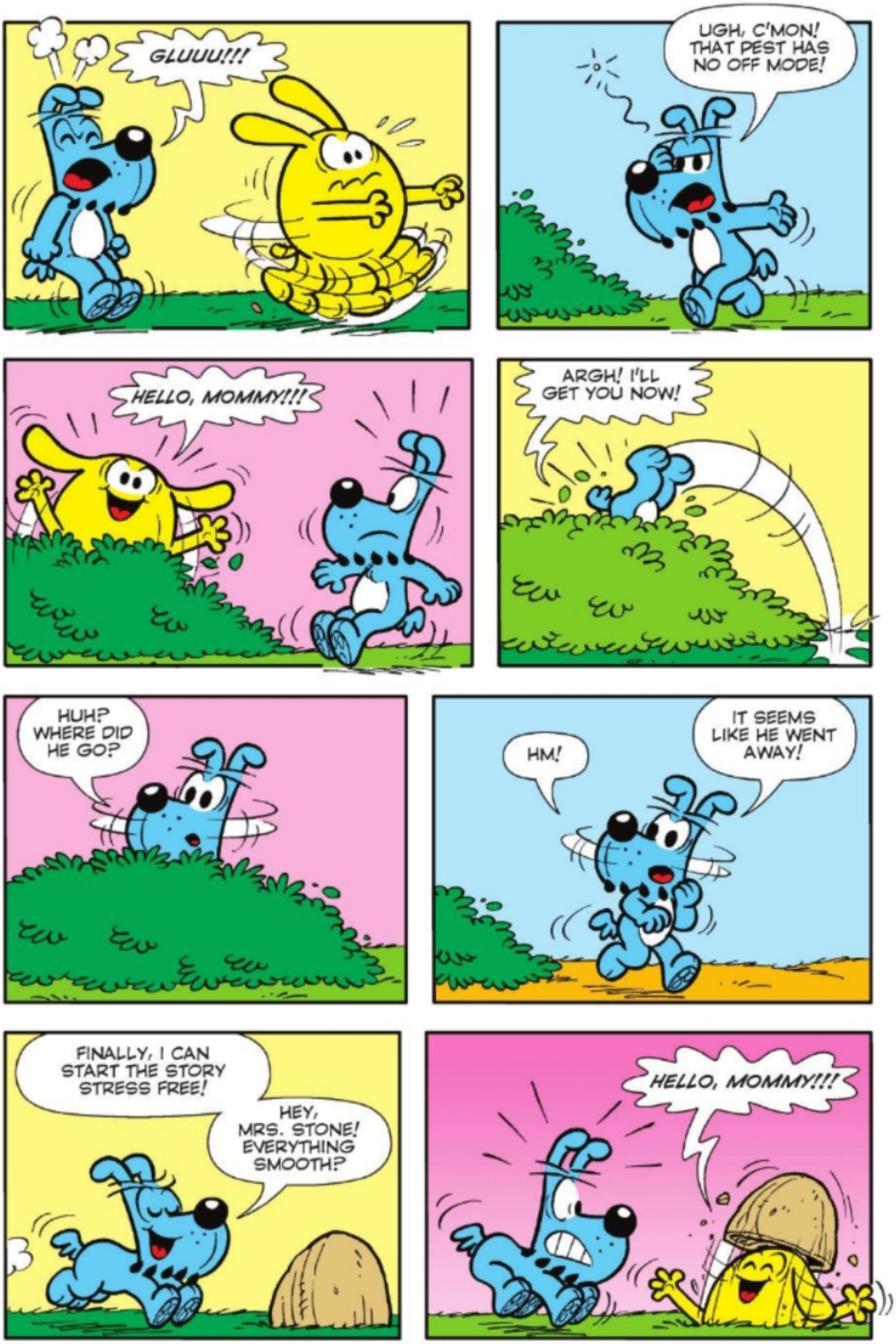
GLU!!! GET OUT OF HERE!!!
SERIOUSLY! DOES HE EVER GIVE UP?!
HELLO, MOMMY!!!


GLUUU!!!
UGH, C'MON! THAT PEST HAS NO OFF MODE!
HELLO, MOMMY!!!
ARGH! I'LL GET YOU NOW!
HUH? WHERE DID HE GO?
HM!
IT SEEMS LIKE HE WENT AWAY!
FINALLY, I CAN START THE STORY STRESS FREE!
HEY, MRS. STONE! EVERYTHING SMOOTH?
HELLO, MOMMY!!!

GRRR! ARF! ARF! ARF!
SWOOP
RELAX, BLU! AT SOME POINT HE'LL GET OVER IT AND KNOCK IT OFF!
HELLO, MOMMY!!!
HELLO, MOMMY!!!
HELLO, MOMMY!!!
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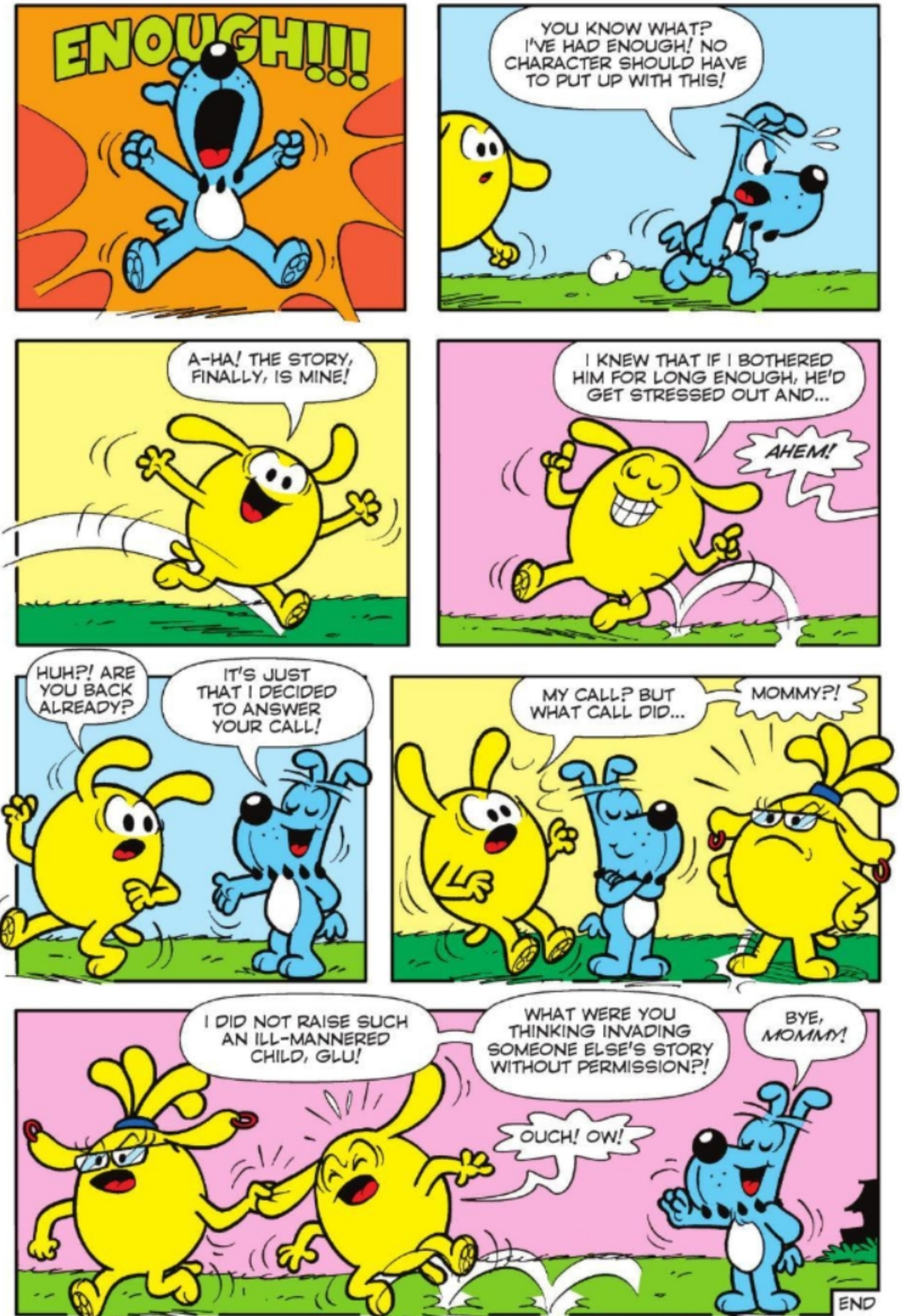
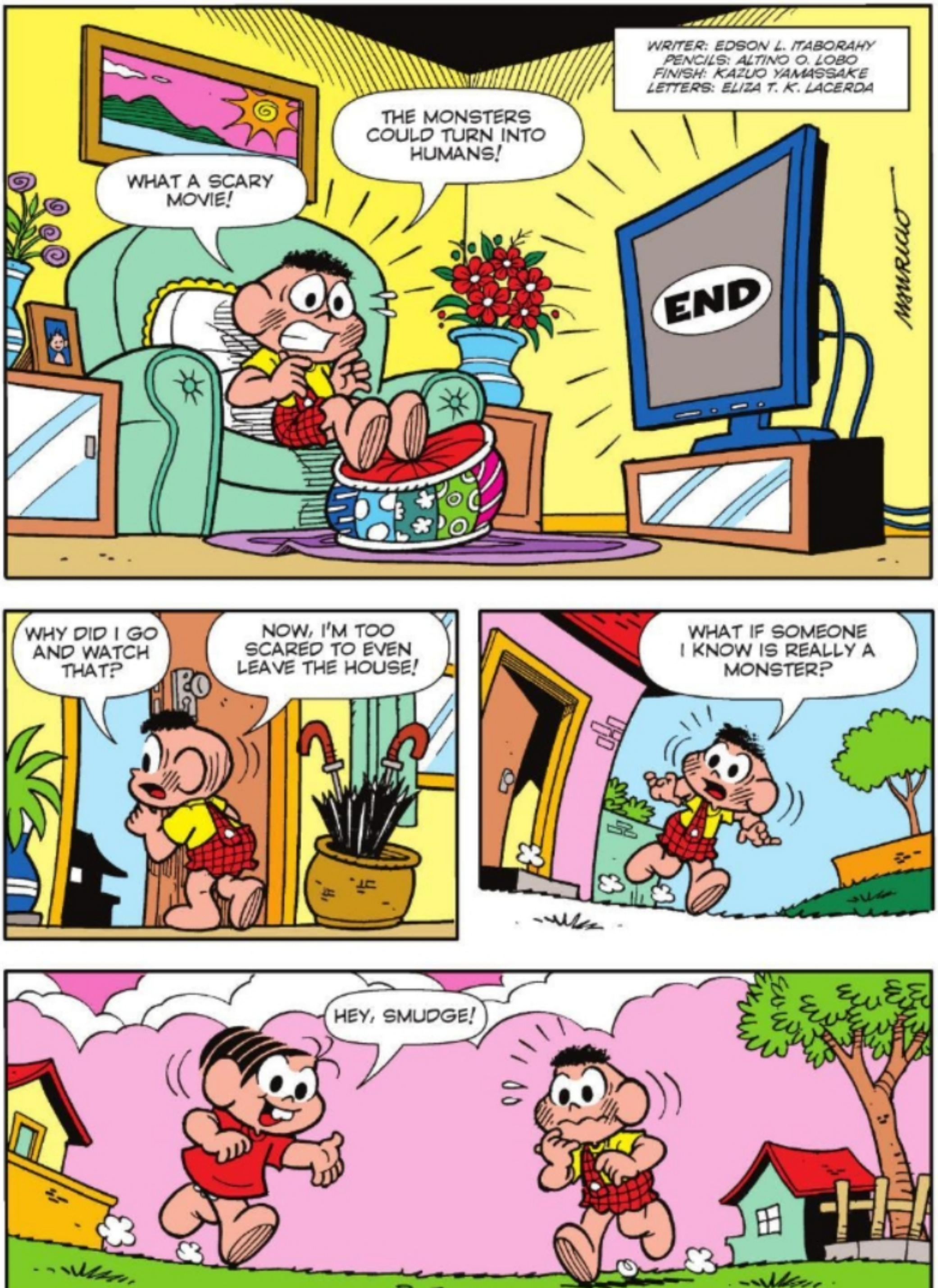

ENOUGH!!!
YOU KNOW WHAT? I'VE HAD ENOUGH! NO CHARACTER SHOULD HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THIS!
A-HA! THE STORY, FINALLY, IS MINE!
I KNEW THAT IF I BOTHERED HIM FOR LONG ENOUGH, HE'D GET STRESSED OUT AND...
AHEM!
HUH?! ARE YOU BACK ALREADY?
IT'S JUST THAT I DECIDED TO ANSWER YOUR CALL!
MY CALL? BUT WHAT CALL DID...
MOMMY?!
I DID NOT RAISE SUCH AN ILL-MANNERED CHILD, GLU!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING INVADING SOMEONE ELSE'S STORY WITHOUT PERMISSION?!
BYE, MOMMY!
OUCH! OW!
END

SMUDGE in MONSTERS



THINKING ABOUT IT, MONICA MIGHT BE TOO STRONG TO BE HUMAN!
DIDN'T EVEN SAY 'HI' BACK!
HOW RUDE!
SHE COULD BE A HUGE MONSTER...
...JUST WAITING TO ATTACK AT ANY MOMENT!
WE'RE ALL IN DANGER!
WHAT IS IT, SMUDGE?
WHERE'S THE DAN-GER?
I... I... I...

I-ICE CREAM? THERE'S AN ICE CREAM SHORT-AGE?!
I-INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF A PIZZA SLICE?!
MAGGY IS ALWAYS HUNGRY, IT'S NOT NORMAL!
SHE COULD BE A MONSTER IN DISGUISE...
...JUST WAITING AROUND UNTIL SHE CAN EAT EVERYONE IN HER PATH!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
HEY, SMUDGE!
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU!
I NEED YOU TO HELP ME WITH A NEW PLAN!
WHY DO WE NEVER SEE JIMMY FIVE'S FEET?

WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE, SMUDGE?
I BET HE'S GOT MONSTER'S FEET!
AAAHHH!!!
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!
HUH?! YOU'VE GOT PEOPLE FEET!
ARE YOU NUTS?!
OKAY, I MIGHT BE EXAGGER-ATING A BIT!
THE MOVIE MUST BE DOING THIS TO ME!

HEY, SMUDGE JUST TOTALLY ATTACKED ME FOR NO WEASON!
THE LACK OF SHOWER-ING MUST BE MESSING WITH HIS HEAD!
WELL, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
...DON'T YOU FIND IT WEIRD THAT SOMEONE IS SO SCARED OF WATER?
THAT'S TWUE! HOW CAN HE LIVE WITHOUT WATER?
MAYBE SMUDGE...
...ISN'T SOMEONE LIKE THE REST!
FUNNY! I'VE GOT THE WEIRDEST FEELING...
END

BUG-A-BOOO
BODYBUILDING CONTEST
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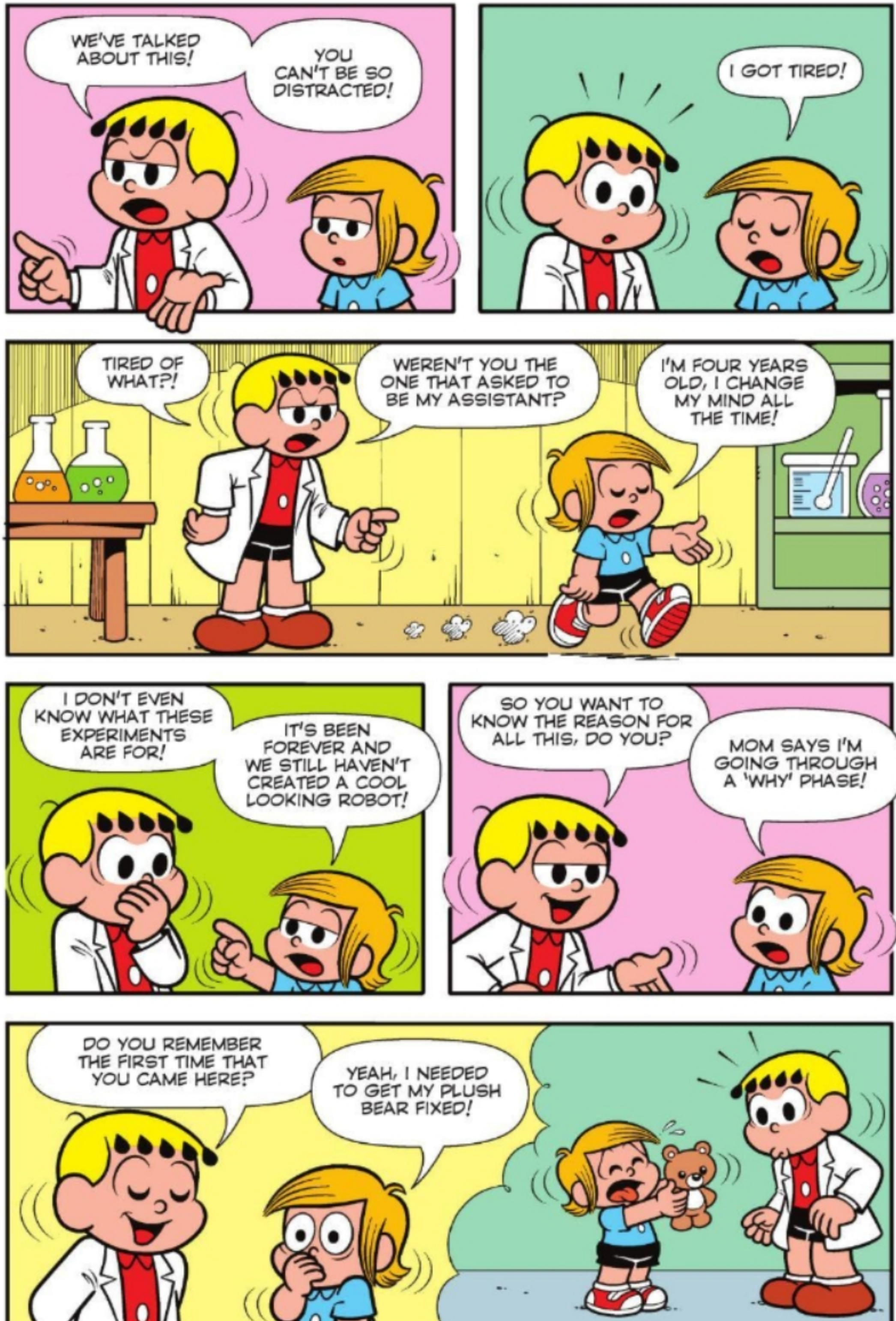
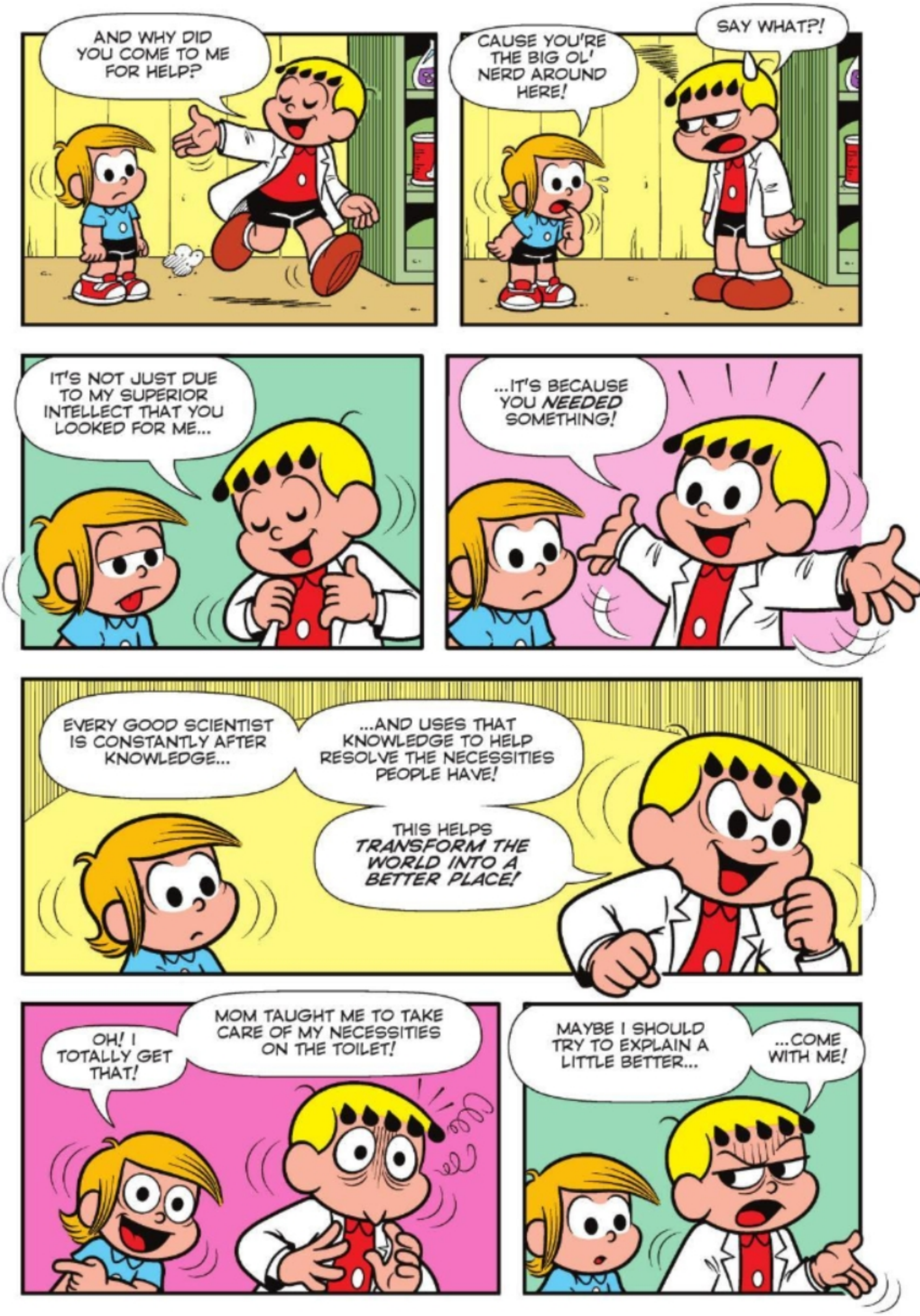
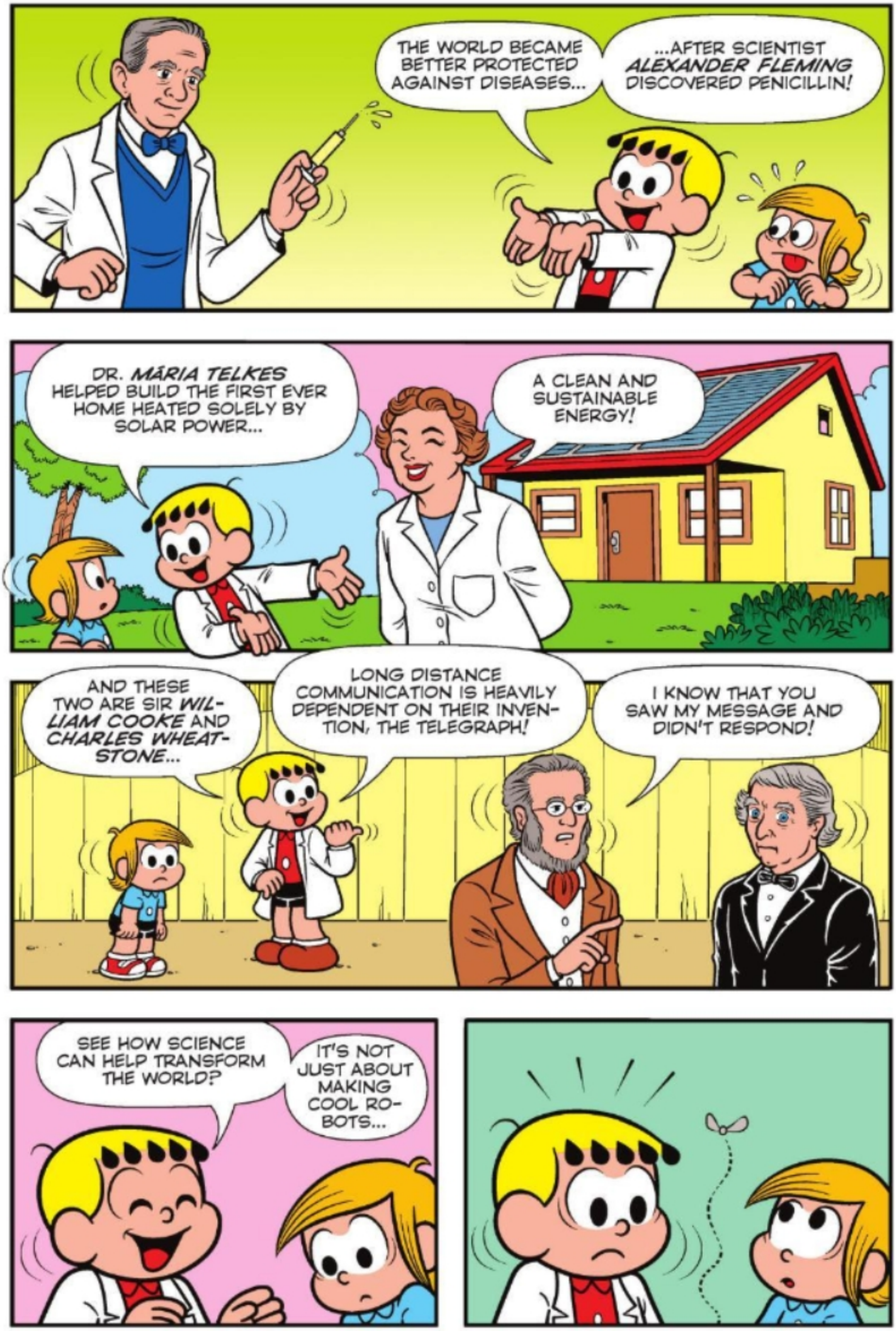
DOG SHOW
1st
END

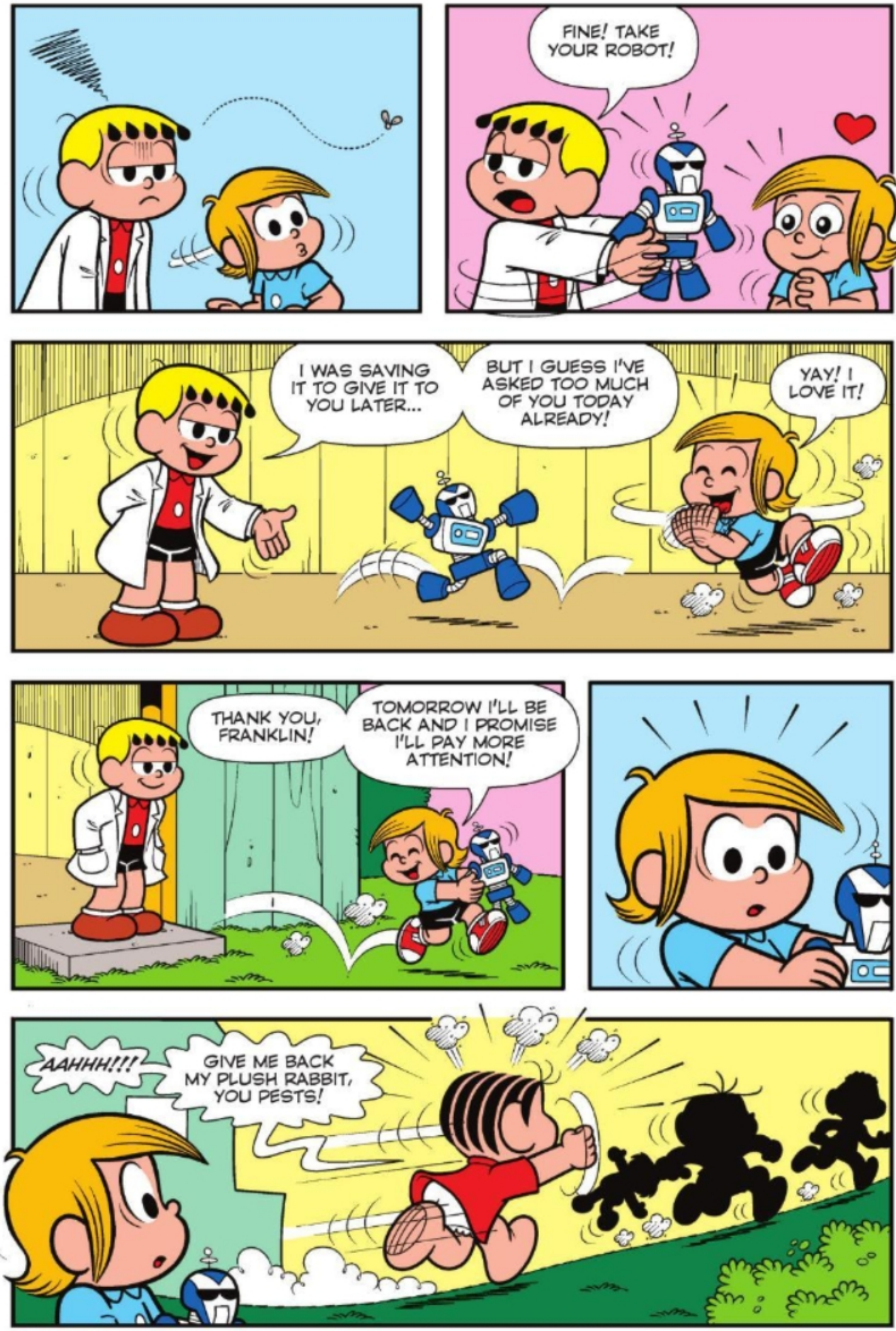
FRANKLIN and JUNIOR in

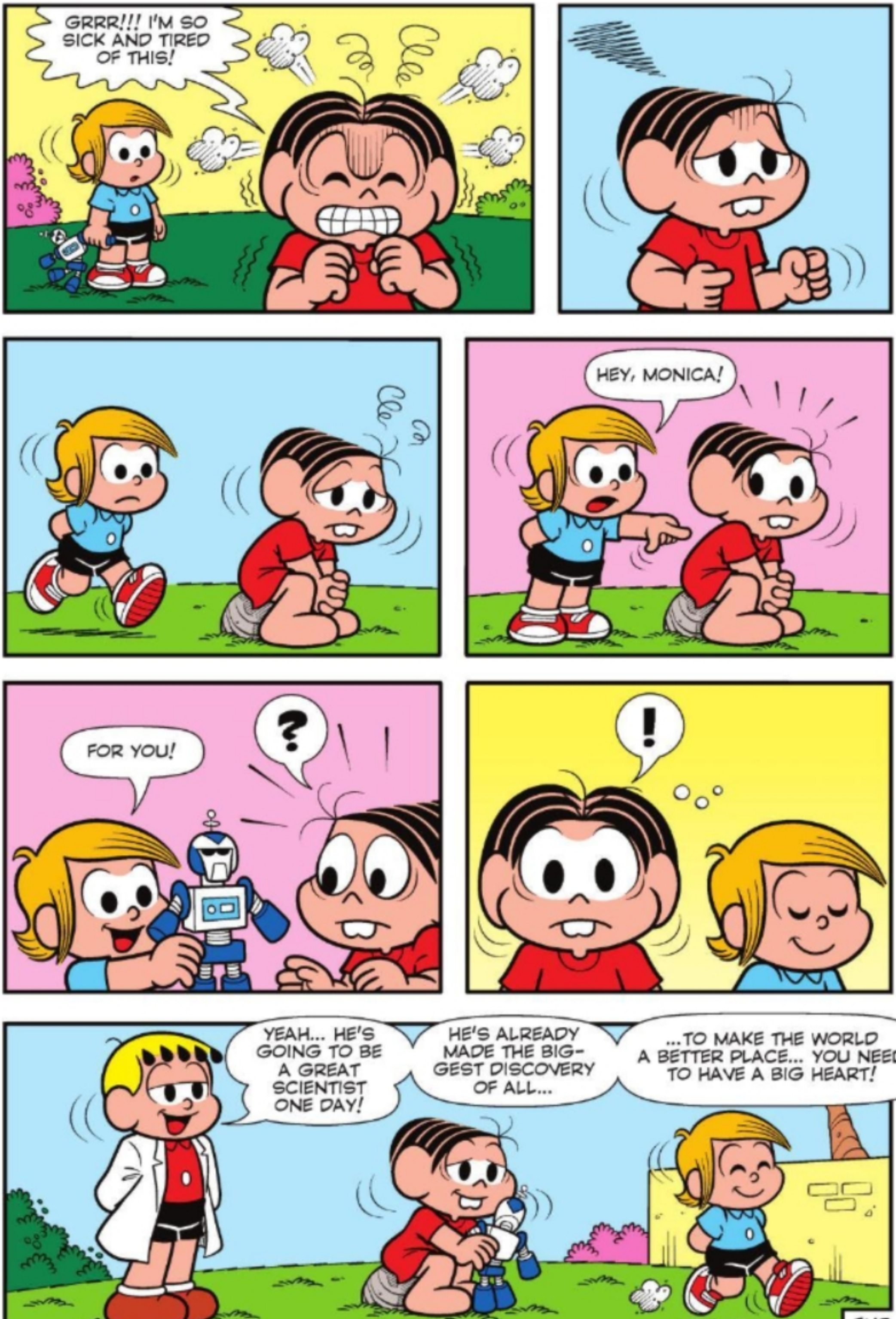
CHANGING THE WORLD


WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS!
YOU CAN'T BE SO DISTRACTED!
I GOT TIRED!
TIRED OF WHAT?!
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE THAT ASKED TO BE MY ASSISTANT?
I'M FOUR YEARS OLD, I CHANGE MY MIND ALL THE TIME!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THESE EXPERIMENTS ARE FOR!
IT'S BEEN FOREVER AND WE STILL HAVEN'T CREATED A COOL LOOKING ROBOT!
SO YOU WANT TO KNOW THE REASON FOR ALL THIS, DO YOU?
MOM SAYS I'M GOING THROUGH A 'WHY' PHASE!
DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU CAME HERE?
YEAH, I NEEDED TO GET MY PLUSH BEAR FIXED!

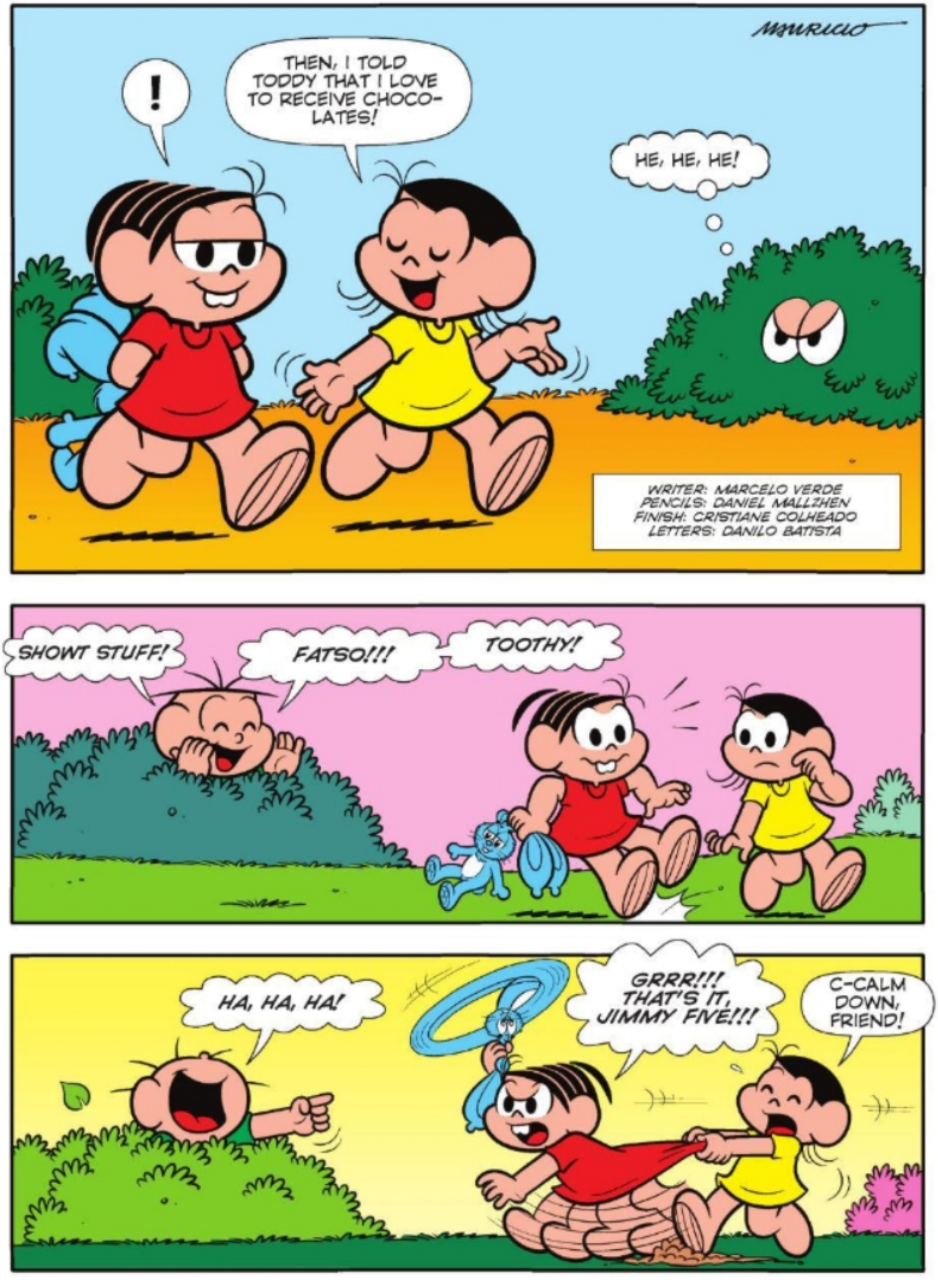

AND WHY DID YOU COME TO ME FOR HELP?
CAUSE YOU'RE THE BIG OL' NERD AROUND HERE!
SAY WHAT?!
IT'S NOT JUST DUE TO MY SUPERIOR INTELLECT THAT YOU LOOKED FOR ME...
...IT'S BECAUSE YOU NEEDED SOMETHING!
EVERY GOOD SCIENTIST IS CONSTANTLY AFTER KNOWLEDGE...
...AND USES THAT KNOWLEDGE TO HELP RESOLVE THE NECESSITIES PEOPLE HAVE!
THIS HELPS TRANSFORM THE WORLD INTO A BETTER PLACE!
OH! I TOTALLY GET THAT!
MOM TAUGHT ME TO TAKE CARE OF MY NECESSITIES ON THE TOILET!
MAYBE I SHOULD TRY TO EXPLAIN A LITTLE BETTER...
...COME WITH ME!


THE WORLD BECAME BETTER PROTECTED AGAINST DISEASES...
...AFTER SCIENTIST *ALEXANDER FLEMING* DISCOVERED PENICILLIN!
DR. *MÁRIA TELKES* HELPED BUILD THE FIRST EVER HOME HEATED SOLELY BY SOLAR POWER...
A CLEAN AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY!
AND THESE TWO ARE SIR *WILLIAM COOKE* AND *CHARLES WHEATSTONE*...
LONG DISTANCE COMMUNICATION IS HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON THEIR INVENTION, THE TELEGRAPH!
I KNOW THAT YOU SAW MY MESSAGE AND DIDN'T RESPOND!
SEE HOW SCIENCE CAN HELP TRANSFORM THE WORLD?
IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MAKING COOL ROBOTS...

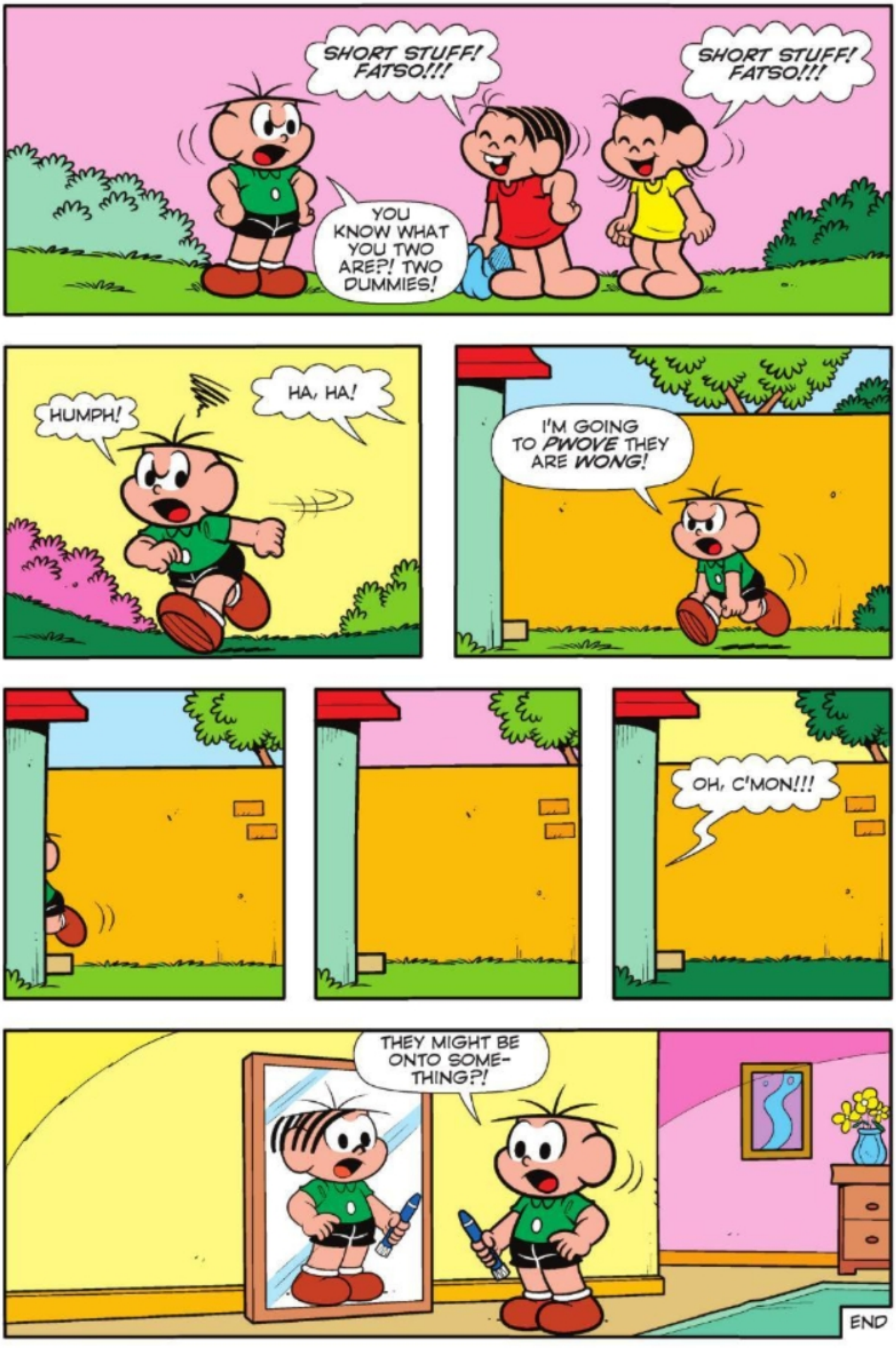

FINE! TAKE YOUR ROBOT!
I WAS SAVING IT TO GIVE IT TO YOU LATER...
BUT I GUESS I'VE ASKED TOO MUCH OF YOU TODAY ALREADY!
YAY! I LOVE IT!
THANK YOU, FRANKLIN!
TOMORROW I'LL BE BACK AND I PROMISE I'LL PAY MORE ATTENTION!
AAHHH!!!
GIVE ME BACK MY PLUSH RABBIT, YOU PESTS!


GRRR!!! I'M SO SICK AND TIRED OF THIS!
HEY, MONICA!
FOR YOU!
?
!
YEAH... HE'S GOING TO BE A GREAT SCIENTIST ONE DAY!
HE'S ALREADY MADE THE BIG-GEST DISCOVERY OF ALL...
...TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE... YOU NEED TO HAVE A BIG HEART!
END

Monica AND FRIENDS in A LOT ALIKE



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CALM DOWN? DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE CALLED ME?
?
YES! BUT IGNORE HIM!
JIMMY FIVE IS A LOT LIKE YOU!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT'S THAT NON-SENSE?!
LOOK AT HIM!
HM... YOU'RE RIGHT!
HE'S JUST NOT AS TOOTHY, BUT THAT'S IT!
WHAAAT?!
YOU'RE CWAZY, MAGGY!
I DON'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE THAT FATSO, NO WAY!
HE, HE, HE!


SHORT STUFF! FATSO!!!
SHORT STUFF! FATSO!!!
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU TWO ARE?! TWO DUMMIES!
HUMPH!
HA, HA!
I'M GOING TO PWOVE THEY ARE WONG!
OH, C'MON!!!
THEY MIGHT BE ONTO SOME-THING?!
END

Bucky in TRADING CARDS

MOE THE MUMMY in
FEARS FROM MILLENNIA
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SLURP! SLURP!
MAURICIO
HOW'S THE AFTERLIFE, MOE? WANT SOME?
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S STRAWBERRY COOLADE! IT'S RED, JUST LIKE BLOOD!
AAAAAAHHH!!! GET THAT AWAY FROM ME!!!
ZOOP

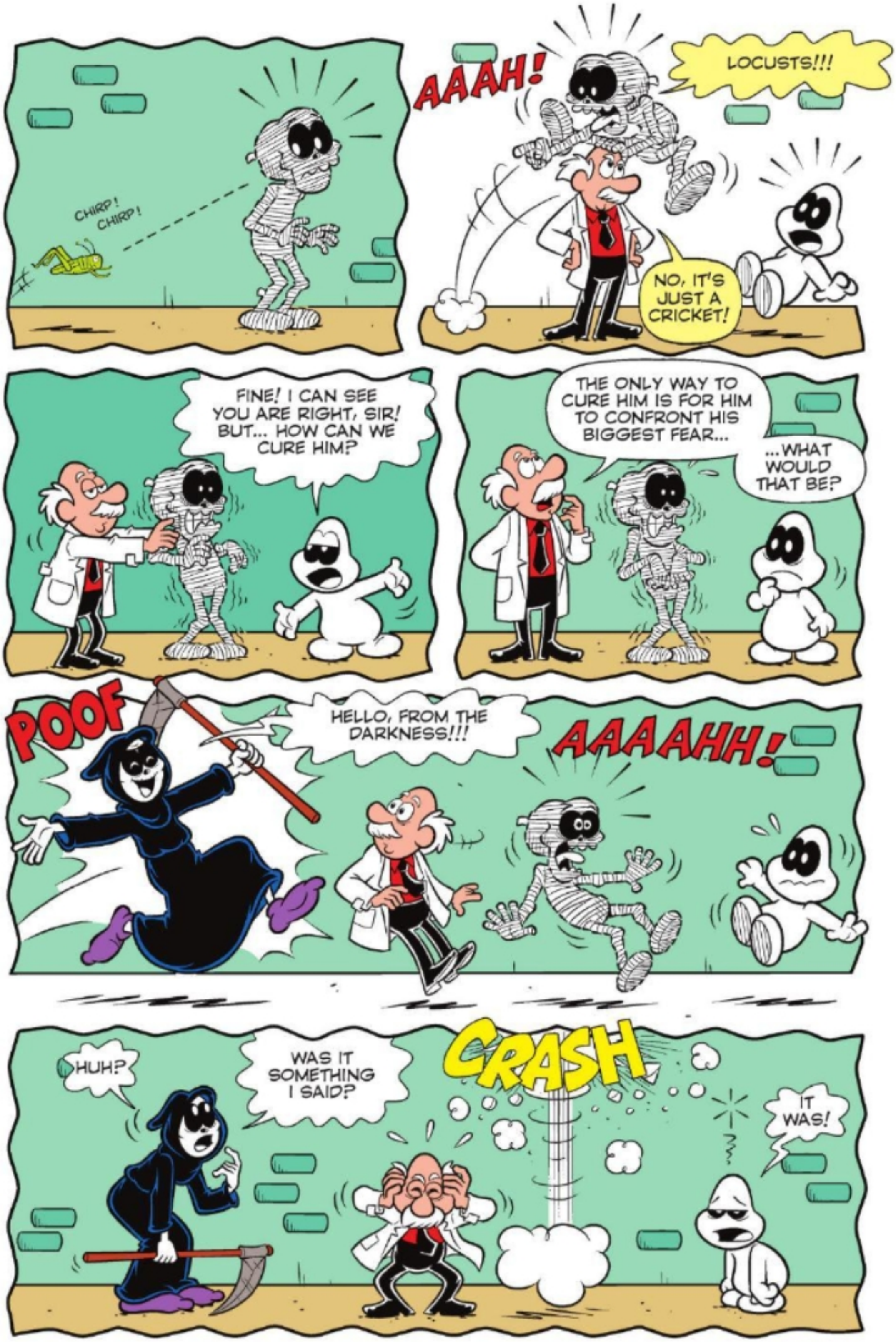
HUFF! PUFF!
SWOOP
EH! WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOU, MOE?
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M NOT EVEN SURE MYSELF!
SOMETIMES I GET THESE RANDOM MOMENTS OF TERROR, I...
I... I...
AAAAHH!
CROAK
AAAAH!!!
GET THAT LITTLE DEVIL AWAY FROM ME!!!
DON'T LOOK AT ME!
?

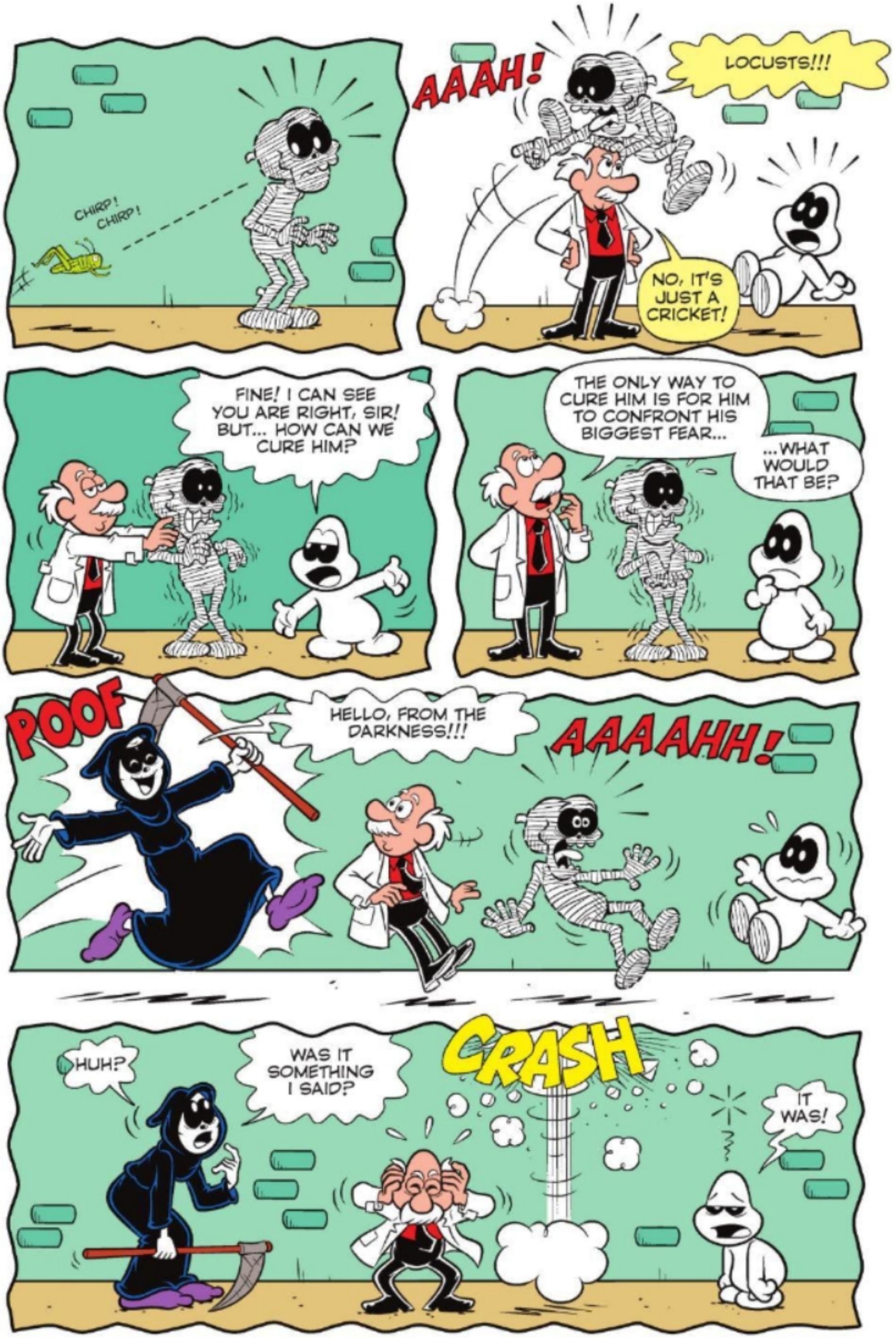
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN A HAUNTING, MOE!
I... I S-SAW... I SAW A FROG!
A FROG! THAT'S ALL?!
IMAGINE FLEAS, MAN! IMAGINE FLEAS!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
WELL, TO BE FAIR... THE LICE ARE A LOT WORSE!
LICE?!
AAAAAAHHH!!! TIME TO SKEDADDLE OUT OF HERE!!!
ZOOM
ZOOP
HEY! HI, MOE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT MOVING FROM A SARCOPHAGUS TO A TOMB?
SHAKE
SHAKE

I HAVE TO WARN YOU THOUGH, THERE'S A BUNCH OF FLIES OUT HERE!
PSCHH
AAAAAAH!!! NOT FLIES!!!
HEY, MOE THE MUMMY! LOOK AT WHAT I FOUND!
?
IT'S A BULL'S SKULL!
WHO WOULD LEAVE SUCH A THING AT THE CEMETERY?
THOING
AAAH!
WHAT ELSE COULD POS-SIBLY HAPPEN TODAY?!
ZOOP
SCREECH

THUMP
HEY, FRANK! WHEN I ASKED YOU TO REMOVE THE ROCKS FROM THAT TOMB, IT WASN'T AN INVITATION FOR YOU TO THROW THEM WHEREVER!
MY BAD!
AND, SO...
HUH?! WHERE AM I?
YOU'RE WITH FRIENDS, GOOD SIR!
DOCTOR FRANKENSHINE?
GUYS?! WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE ARE THE ONES ASKING THAT QUESTION!
YEAH, STRANGER THAN USUAL!
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE LATELY!
WELL... I THINK I CAN EXPLAIN THAT!
TAKING ALL THE THINGS YOU HAVE SAID... I BELIEVE HE HAS...
...FEARS FROM MILLENNIA!
IS IT SERI-OUS?!
WHAT?!

WELL, TO BE MORE ACCURATE... YOUR TRAUMAS ARE A PRODUCT OF PAST TRAUMA!
TRAUMAS?! WHAT TRAUMAS?!
THE TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT, OF COURSE!
OF WATER TURN-ING INTO BLOOD...
...THE LICE EPIDEMIC...
...THE PLAGUE OF FLIES...
...THE DEATH OF ANIMALS...
...AND THE RAINING OF ROCKS!
I REMEMBER IT NOW!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT, DOCTOR?! IT HAPPENED SO LONG AGO!


CHIRP! CHIRP!
AAAH!
LOCUSTS!!!
NO, IT'S JUST A CRICKET!
FINE! I CAN SEE YOU ARE RIGHT, SIR! BUT... HOW CAN WE CURE HIM?
THE ONLY WAY TO CURE HIM IS FOR HIM TO CONFRONT HIS BIGGEST FEAR...
...WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
POOF
HELLO, FROM THE DARKNESS!!!
AAAAHH!
HUH?
WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?
CRASH
IT WAS!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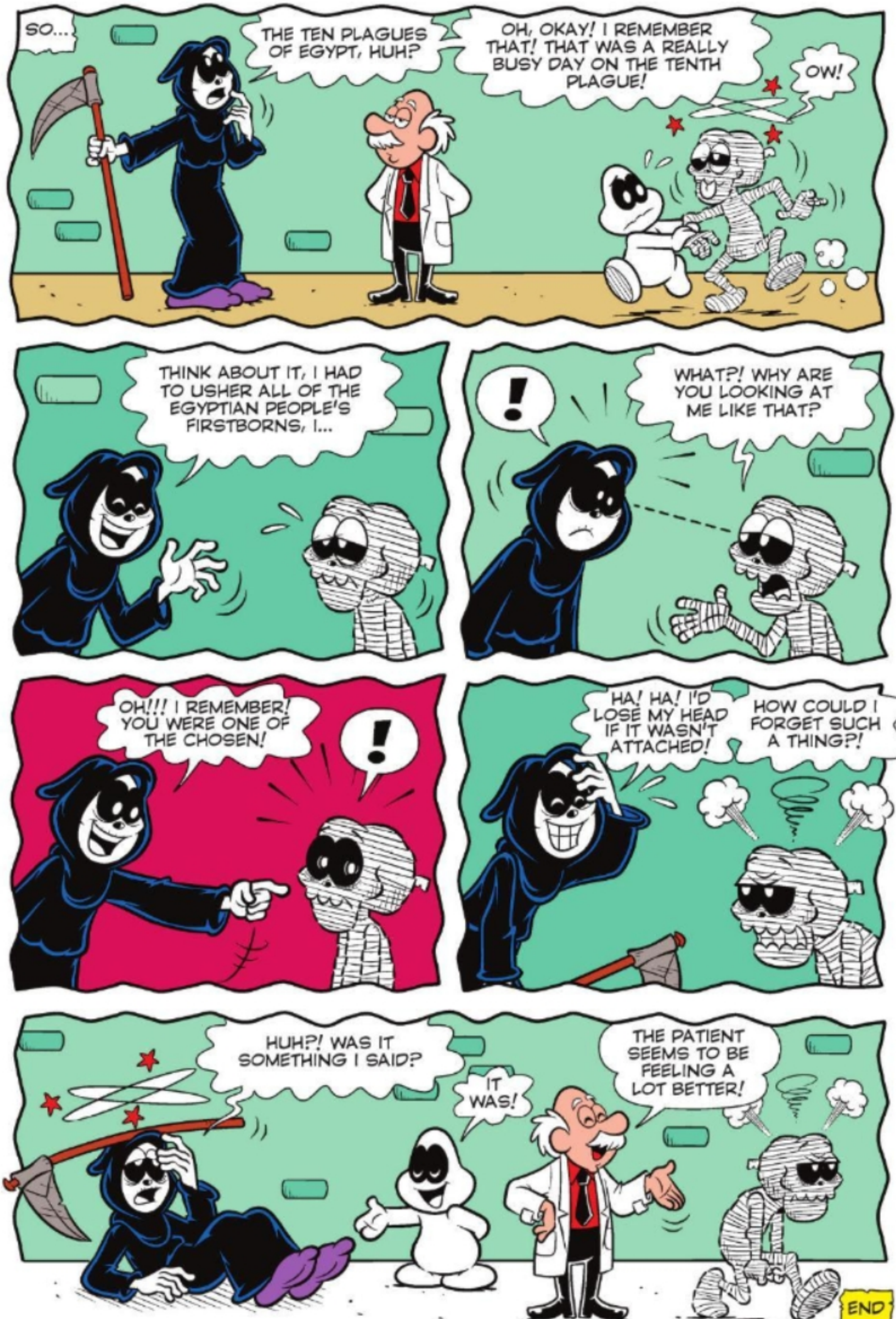
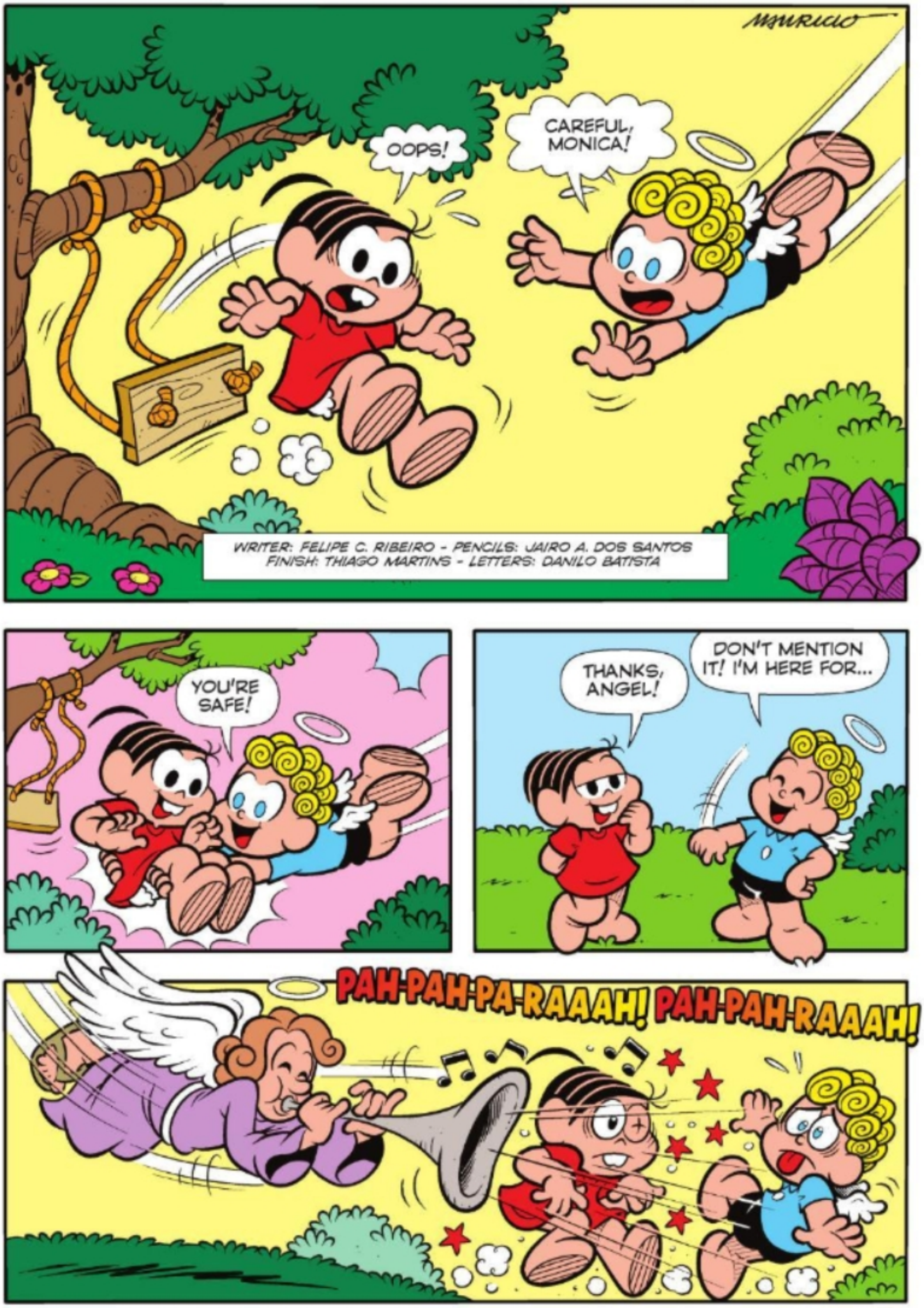
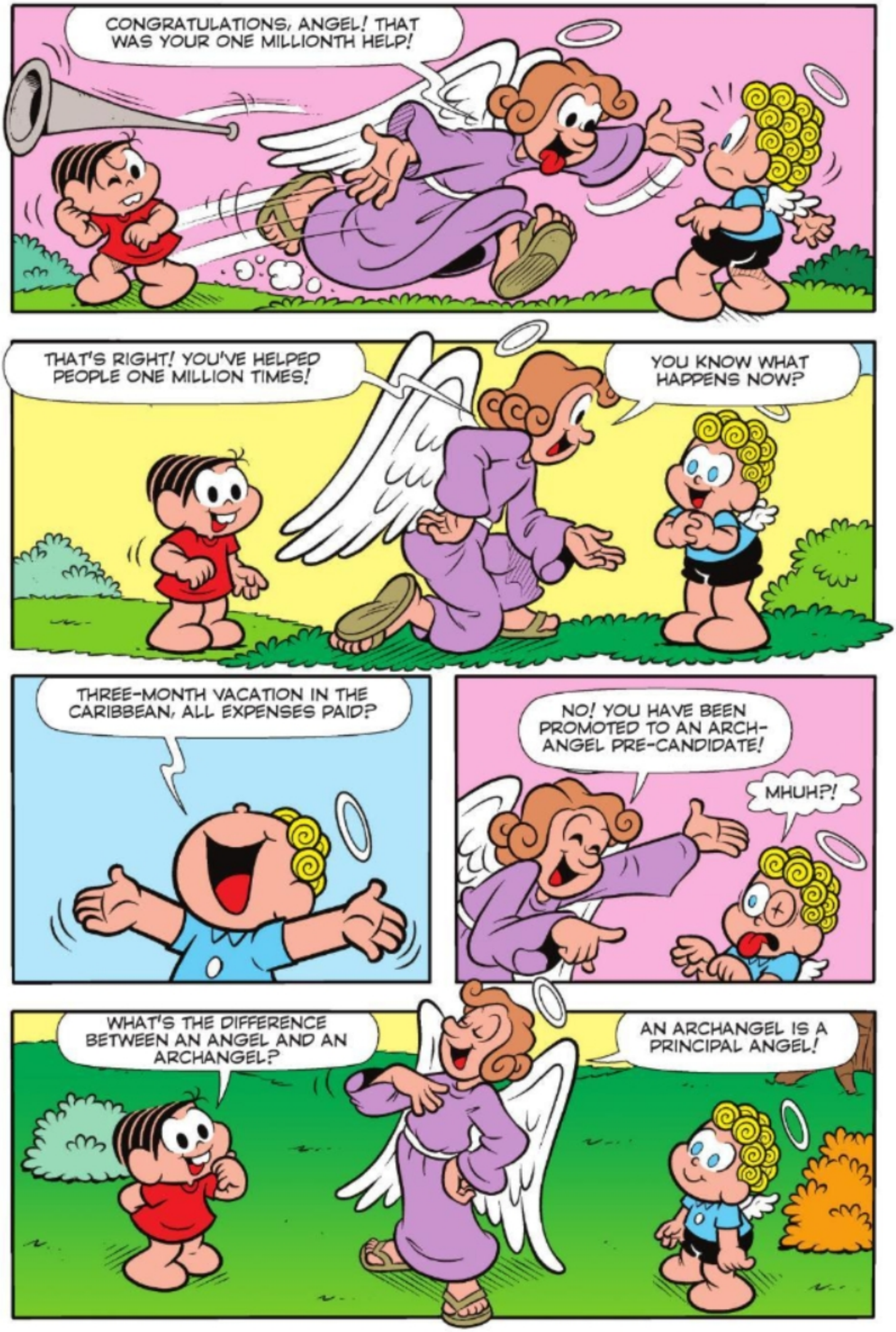
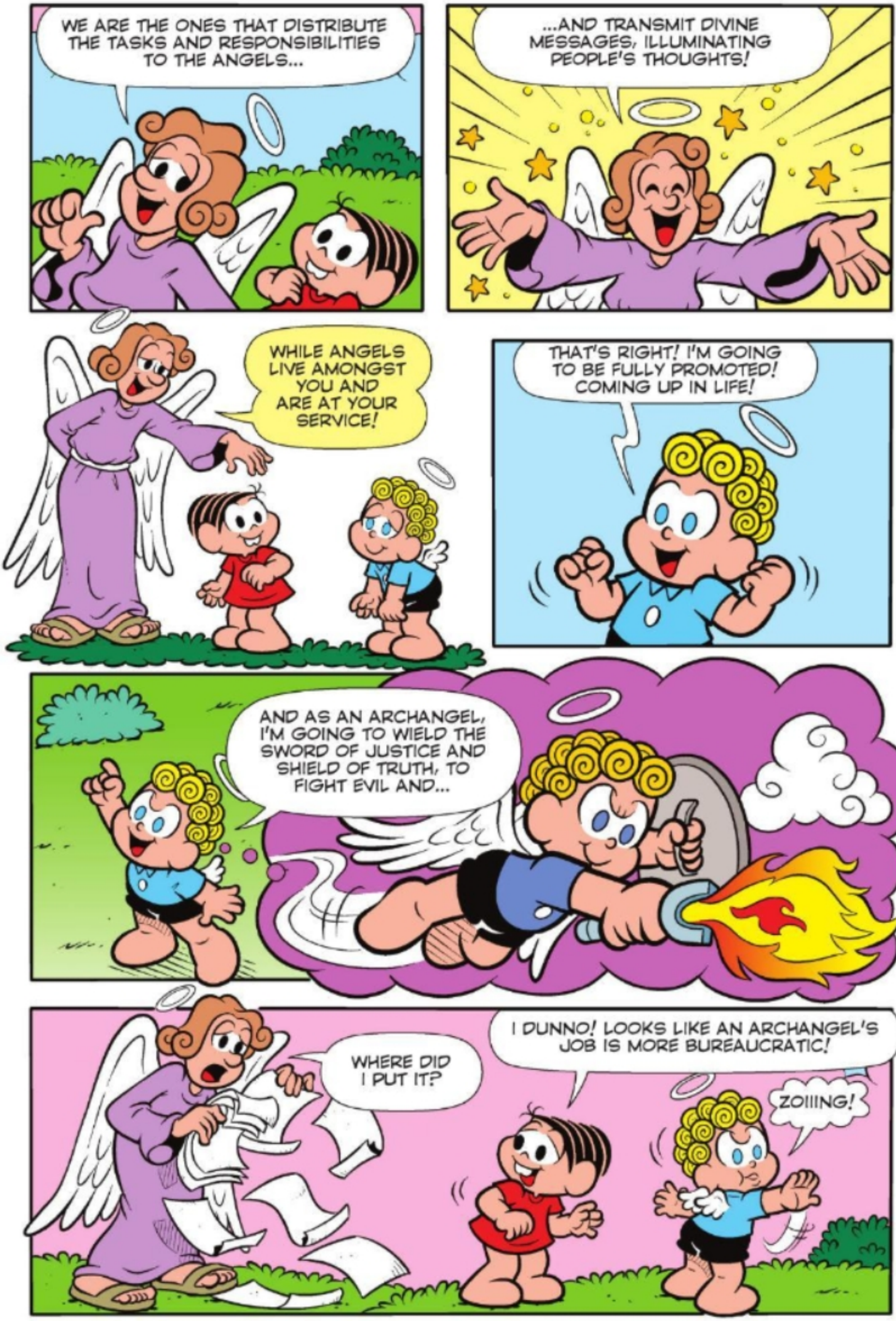
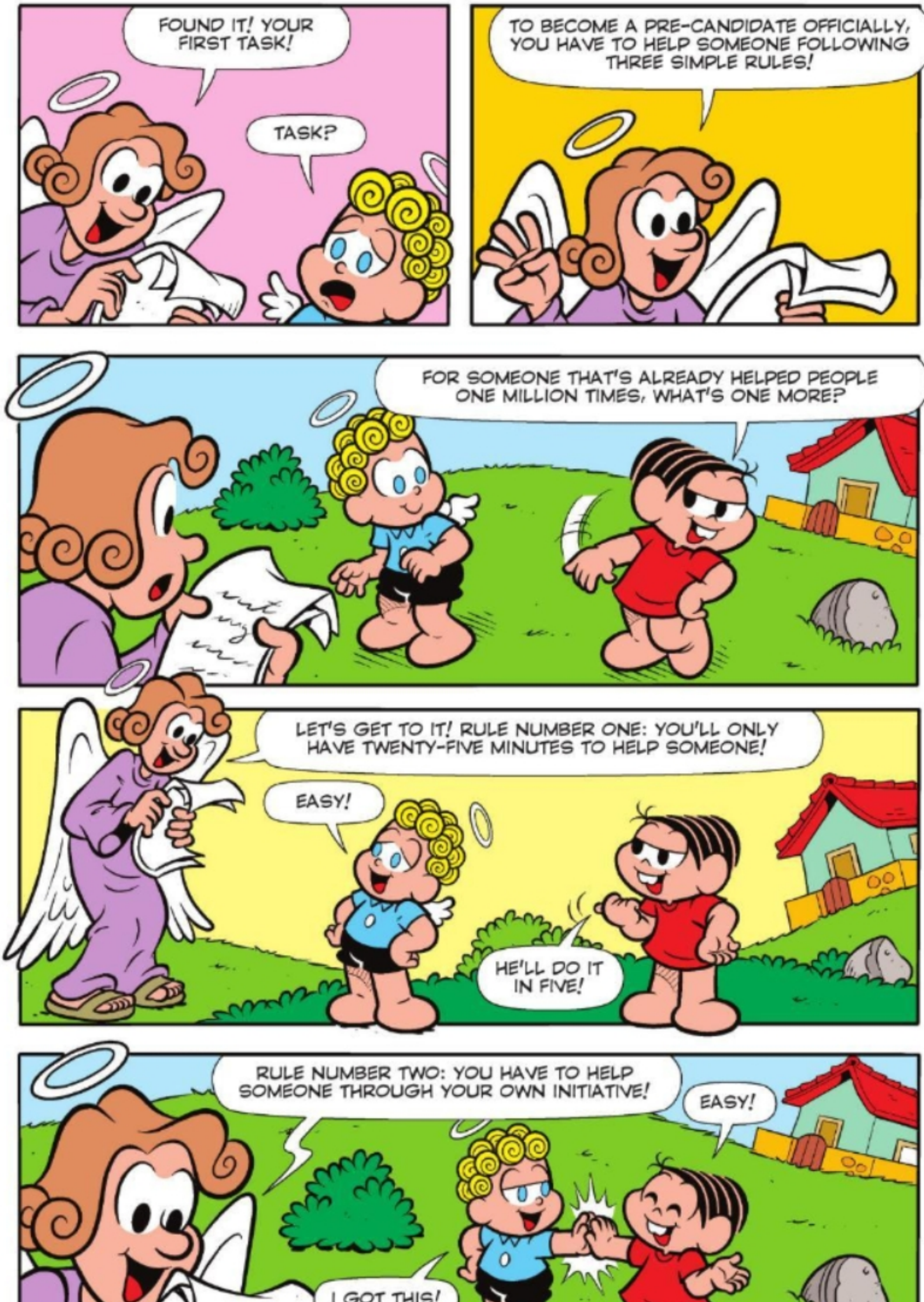

SO...
THE TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT, HUH?
OH, OKAY! I REMEMBER THAT! THAT WAS A REALLY BUSY DAY ON THE TENTH PLAGUE!
OW!
THINK ABOUT IT, I HAD TO USHER ALL OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE'S FIRSTBORNS, I...
!
WHAT?! WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
OH!!! I REMEMBER! YOU WERE ONE OF THE CHOSEN!
!
HA! HA! I'D LOSE MY HEAD IF IT WASN'T ATTACHED!
HOW COULD I FORGET SUCH A THING?!
HUH?! WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?
IT WAS!
THE PATIENT SEEMS TO BE FEELING A LOT BETTER!
END

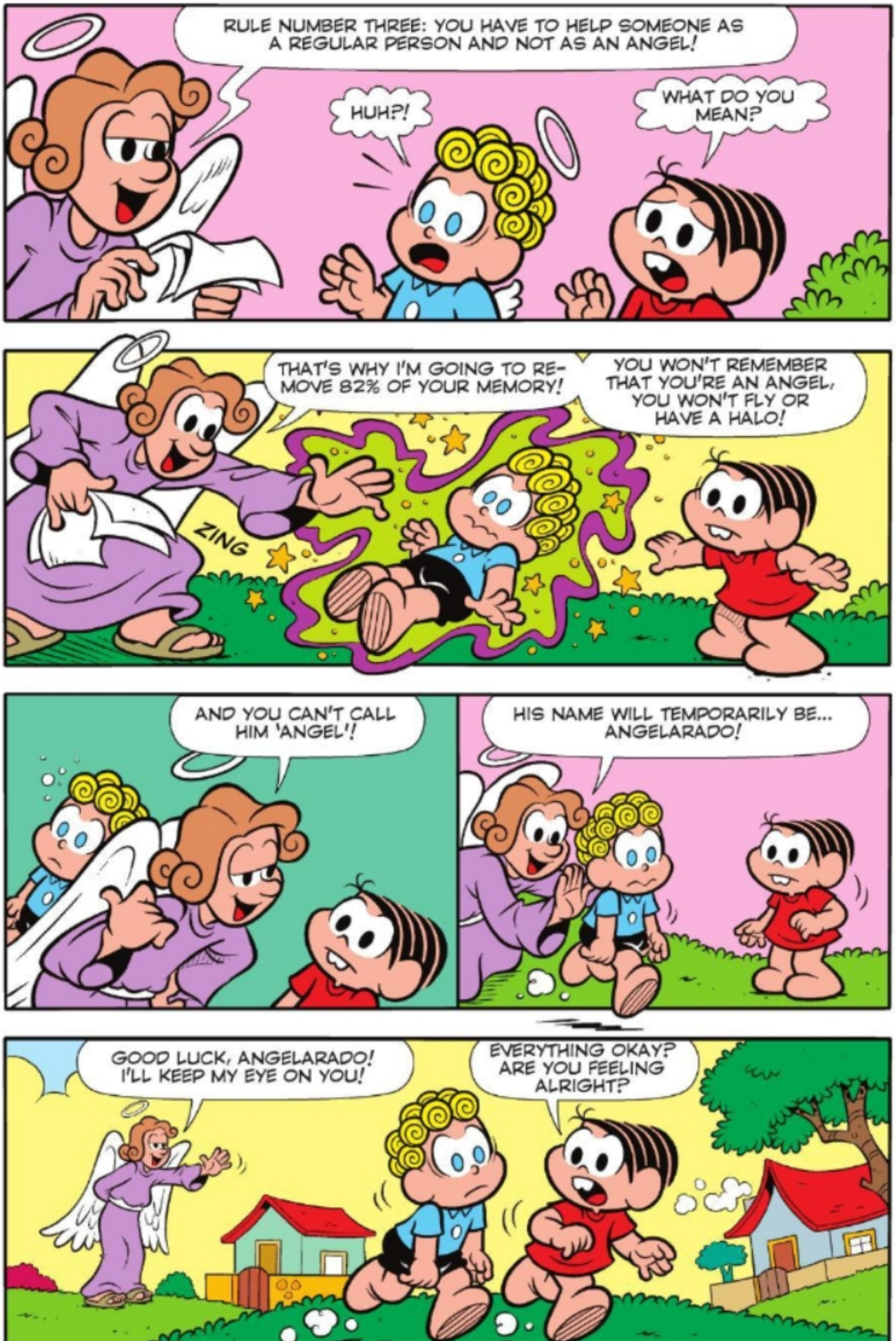
Monica in HELPING ANGEL

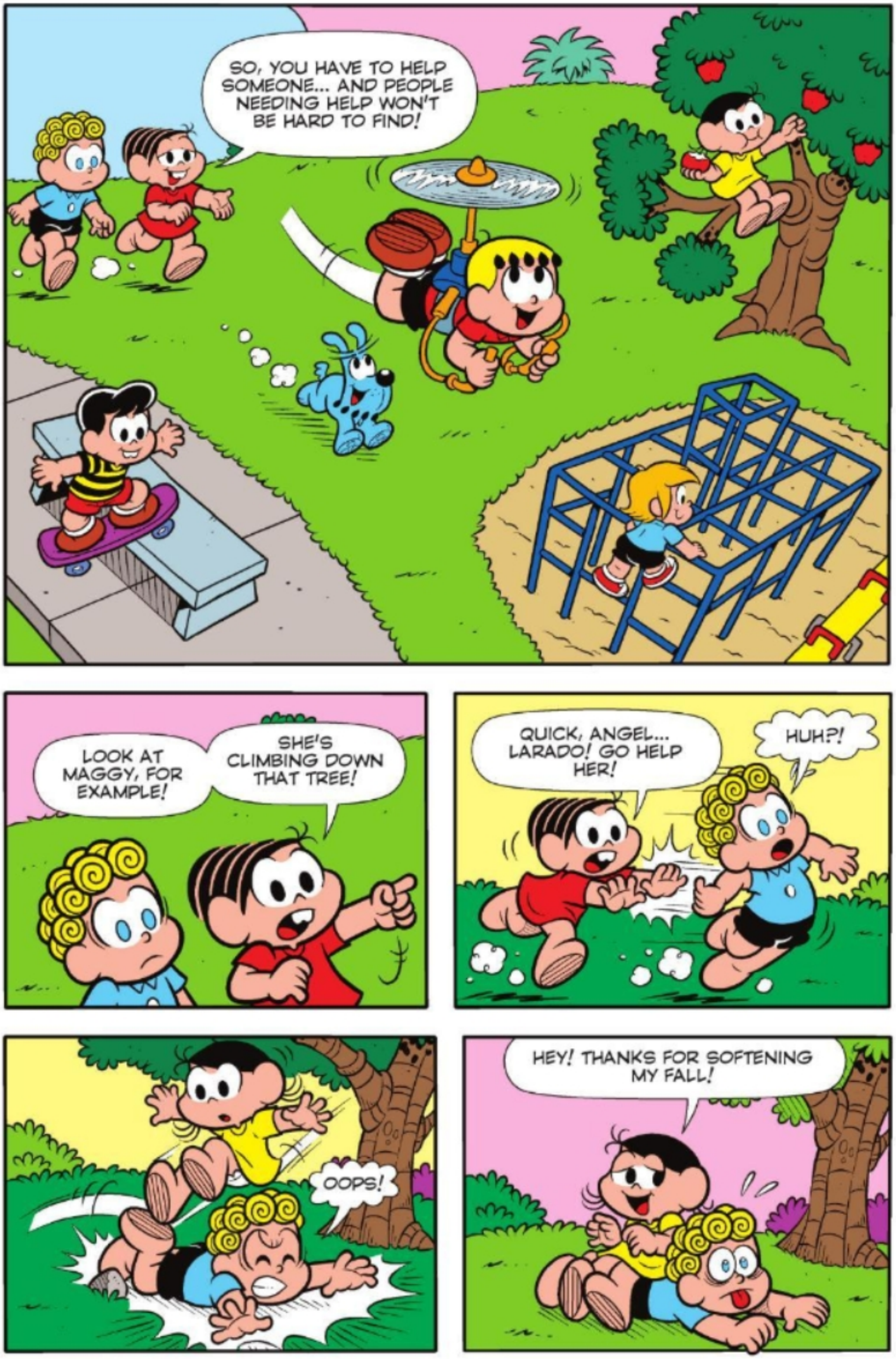


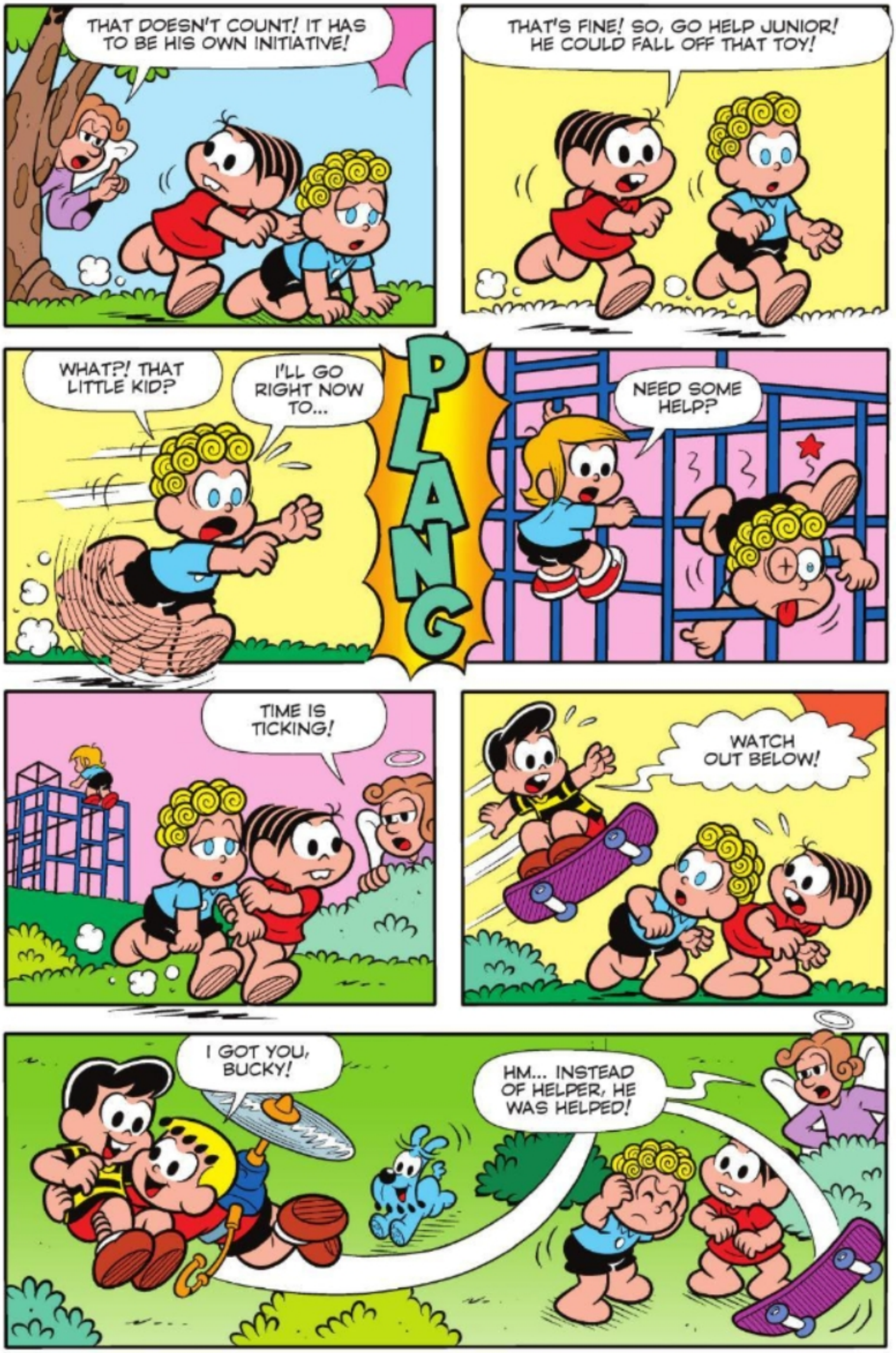

CONGRATULATIONS, ANGEL! THAT WAS YOUR ONE MILLIONTH HELP!
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'VE HELPED PEOPLE ONE MILLION TIMES!
YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NOW?
THREE-MONTH VACATION IN THE CARIBBEAN, ALL EXPENSES PAID?
NO! YOU HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO AN ARCH-ANGEL PRE-CANDIDATE!
MHUH?!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ANGEL AND AN ARCHANGEL?
AN ARCHANGEL IS A PRINCIPAL ANGEL!

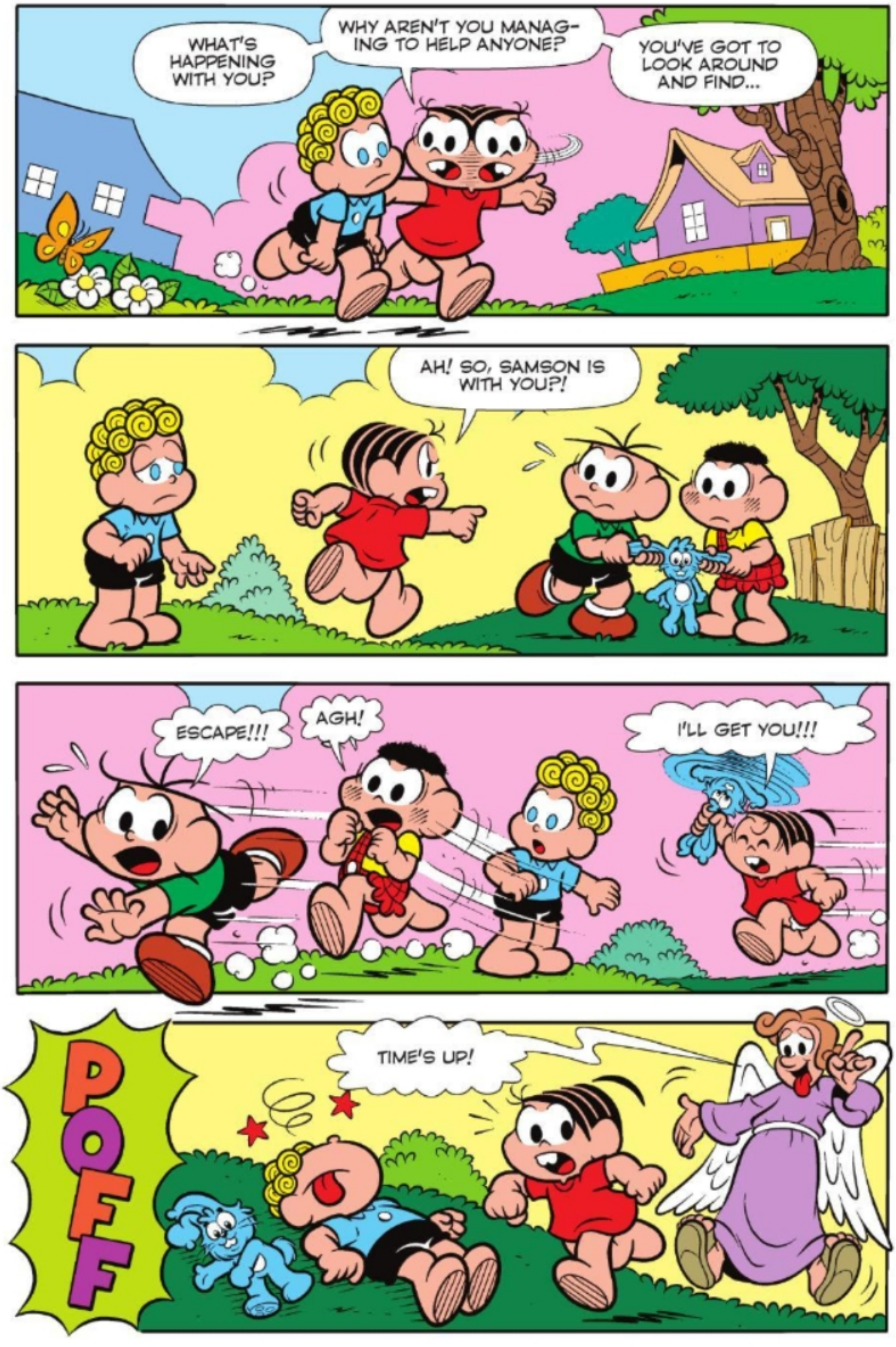

WE ARE THE ONES THAT DISTRIBUTE THE TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE ANGELS...
...AND TRANSMIT DIVINE MESSAGES, ILLUMINATING PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS!
WHILE ANGELS LIVE AMONGST YOU AND ARE AT YOUR SERVICE!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M GOING TO BE FULLY PROMOTED! COMING UP IN LIFE!
AND AS AN ARCHANGEL, I'M GOING TO WIELD THE SWORD OF JUSTICE AND SHIELD OF TRUTH, TO FIGHT EVIL AND...
WHERE DID I PUT IT?
I DUNNO! LOOKS LIKE AN ARCHANGEL'S JOB IS MORE BUREAUCRATIC!
ZOIIING!

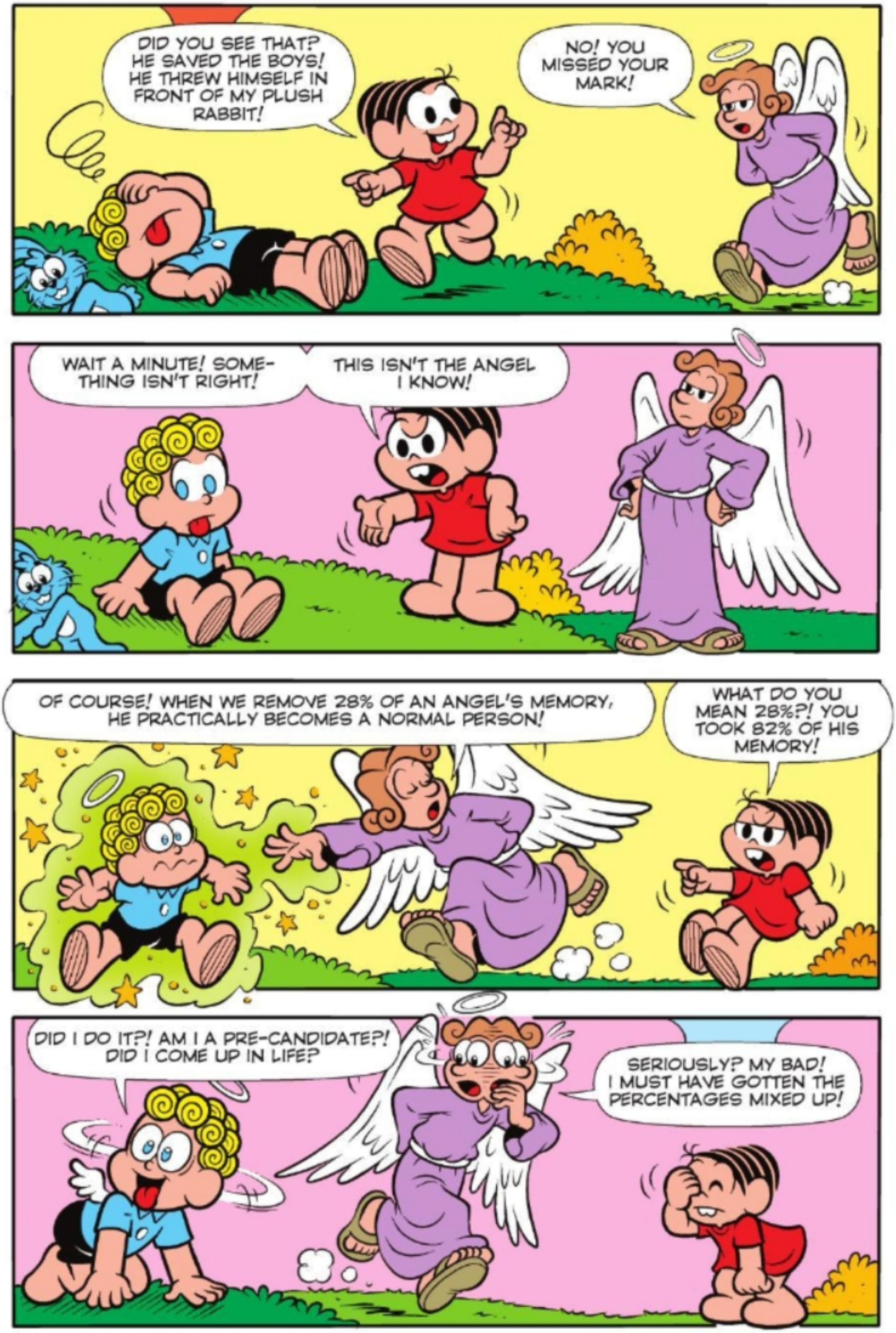

FOUND IT! YOUR FIRST TASK!
TASK?
TO BECOME A PRE-CANDIDATE OFFICIALLY, YOU HAVE TO HELP SOMEONE FOLLOWING THREE SIMPLE RULES!
FOR SOMEONE THAT'S ALREADY HELPED PEOPLE ONE MILLION TIMES, WHAT'S ONE MORE?
LET'S GET TO IT! RULE NUMBER ONE: YOU'LL ONLY HAVE TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES TO HELP SOMEONE!
EASY!
HE'LL DO IT IN FIVE!
RULE NUMBER TWO: YOU HAVE TO HELP SOMEONE THROUGH YOUR OWN INITIATIVE!
EASY!
I GOT THIS!


RULE NUMBER THREE: YOU HAVE TO HELP SOMEONE AS A REGULAR PERSON AND NOT AS AN ANGEL!
HUH?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO RE-MOVE 82% OF YOUR MEMORY!
YOU WON'T REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE AN ANGEL, YOU WON'T FLY OR HAVE A HALO!
ZING
AND YOU CAN'T CALL HIM 'ANGEL'!
HIS NAME WILL TEMPORARILY BE... ANGELARADO!
GOOD LUCK, ANGELARADO! I'LL KEEP MY EYE ON YOU!
EVERYTHING OKAY? ARE YOU FEELING ALRIGHT?


SO, YOU HAVE TO HELP SOMEONE... AND PEOPLE NEEDING HELP WON'T BE HARD TO FIND!
LOOK AT MAGGY, FOR EXAMPLE!
SHE'S CLIMBING DOWN THAT TREE!
QUICK, ANGEL... LARADO! GO HELP HER!
HUH?!
OOPS!
HEY! THANKS FOR SOFTENING MY FALL!


THAT DOESN'T COUNT! IT HAS TO BE HIS OWN INITIATIVE!
THAT'S FINE! SO, GO HELP JUNIOR! HE COULD FALL OFF THAT TOY!
WHAT?! THAT LITTLE KID?
I'LL GO RIGHT NOW TO...
PLANG
NEED SOME HELP?
TIME IS TICKING!
WATCH OUT BELOW!
I GOT YOU, BUCKY!
HM... INSTEAD OF HELPER, HE WAS HELPED!


WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOU?
WHY AREN'T YOU MANAGING TO HELP ANYONE?
YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK AROUND AND FIND...
AH! SO, SAMSON IS WITH YOU?!
ESCAPE!!!
AGH!
I'LL GET YOU!!!
POFF
TIME'S UP!


DID YOU SEE THAT? HE SAVED THE BOYS! HE THREW HIMSELF IN FRONT OF MY PLUSH RABBIT!
NO! YOU MISSED YOUR MARK!
WAIT A MINUTE! SOME-THING ISN'T RIGHT!
THIS ISN'T THE ANGEL I KNOW!
OF COURSE! WHEN WE REMOVE 28% OF AN ANGEL'S MEMORY, HE PRACTICALLY BECOMES A NORMAL PERSON!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 28%?! YOU TOOK 82% OF HIS MEMORY!
DID I DO IT?! AM I A PRE-CANDIDATE?! DID I COME UP IN LIFE?
SERIOUSLY? MY BAD! I MUST HAVE GOTTEN THE PERCENTAGES MIXED UP!

WELL... HE'LL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY IN ANOTHER ONE MILLION SAVES!
ALRIGHT! SEE YOU THEN! BYE!
I'M SO SORRY THAT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT, ANGEL!
IT'S FINE! REMEMBER WHAT HE SAID, THE ARCHANGEL DISTRIBUTES TASKS AND SUCH...
...BUT IT'S US, THE ANGELS, THAT LIVE AMONGST YOU!
AND YOU KNOW WHAT? I PREFER BEING A REGULAR ANGEL...
...AFTER ALL, I HAVE MUCH MORE THAN A MILLION REASONS TO STAY CLOSE TO THE GANG I LOVE SO MUCH!
END

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